



CONTACT

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YALLOURN PUB'S END IS NEAR

Yallourn's well known watering hole dries up at the end of April when the hotel closes its doors for good after 42 years' operation.

The hotel was first opened in October, 1928, by licensee George Dixon-Brown and tending to its final moments is current licensee Pat O'Sullivan and his wife Sheila.

Pat arrived at the pub in 1969, a newcomer to the area.

He was previously joint licensee of the Guiding Star Hotel in Geelong Road, Brooklyn for three years, and before that managed the Celtic Club at the corner of Queen and Latrobe Streets in Melbourne for two years.

Born in Ireland, Pat came to Australia when he was 24 and spent 25 years in the printing trade in Melbourne prior to taking up the Celtic Club appointment in 1964. As patron of the town's social mecca, Pat has played a vital role in Yallourn over the past 12 years. With the advent of 10 o'clock closing the hotel also became the venue for meetings of sporting clubs, vote-countings, seminars and conferences.

A supporter of all sporting bodies, he was president of Yallourn Football Club for five years and figured largely in the amalgamation of the Yallourn and Yallourn North Football Clubs. After a stint as president, Pat is still a club vice-president.

He was president of the Yallourn Chamber of Commerce for its final two years of operation and was also on the Yallourn Town Advisory Council for its final two years.

Pat retained much of the old world atmosphere of the hotel which gave it its distinctive character and made it so popular with townsfolk and visitors alike.



The hotel has chalked up its fair share of achievements over the years. At its peak in the 1950s it twice recorded the highest sales of beer in Victoria. It has hosted many distinguished guests over the years too, including the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, a Prime Minister, ambassadors, local and overseas statesmen and government officials.

Pat has been witness to many changes in hotel entertainment over the past 12 years.

"From 1969 for a number of years we had the popular 50/50 dance every Saturday night with music supplied by Dick Winter's Band. Then a gentleman had to be dressed in collar and tie and had to be accompanied by a lady. Rules

Chairman Charles Trethowan and his fellow Commissioners dined at the hotel during their visit to the Valley last month. The chairman is pictured here presenting Pat and Sheila with a painting of St. Therese's church.

and dress relaxed with the advent of rock and roll and finally disco took over with dances every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night," he said.

Pat and Sheila are looking forward to a well earned holiday after leaving Yallourn to live in Melbourne.

They have one son Peter who spent two years in Yallourn with them before taking up hotel catering and management. He's now at Pat's Star Hotel in Sale.

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*The 1981 Latrobe Valley Festival
Queen Joanne Hough and her brother
Greg, a Commission apprentice fitter
and turner. Along with the rest of
their family they share a great interest
in ten pin bowling, as our story on
page 3 reveals.*

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Development Group changes

Major changes have been made to the management structure for the Yallourn W and Loy Yang construction projects.

Chairman Charles Trethowan on March 31 announced the establishment of project management organisations for the two projects.

Former Area Administration Manager George Bates has been appointed Project Manager for Loy Yang and Ken Price is Project Manager at Yallourn W. Both will be based in the Latrobe Valley and will report to the Assistant General Manager (Development) Kevin Connelly, Operations Group Staff Engineer.

Jack Chapman will act as Area Administration Manager until a permanent appointment is made.

Other major appointments in the reorganization are: Chief Engineer,

Planning, Ralph Urie; Chief Engineer, General Engineering and Construction, Bob McKenzie; Chief Engineer, Thermal Power, Dick Wilson; Project Engineering Manager, Loy Yang A, Jeff Savige; and Project Engineering Manager, Loy Yang B, Peter James (Peter James has been seconded to Planning Department for the Driffield inquiry.)

The new project management organisations will have the ability to draw on resources from other Commission departments, including the Operations Group of departments.

These resources could include programming and measurement; mechanical engineering; electrical engineering, civil engineering; instrument and control engineering; chemical engineering; environmental engineering and affairs; value engineering; operations and maintenance;

finance and accounting; industrial relations; public relations; procurement and stores, local resources; and personnel.

The reorganisation follows the completion of the first stage of a review of the Development Group of Departments by Cresap, McCormick and Paget Incorporated, management consultants of New York.

The impending retirement of former AGM (Development) Jack Johnson provided a convenient opportunity to review existing organisation structure to enable it to cope with present and future expansion of the Commission's system under the control of the Development Group of departments.

Organisational changes are being put into effect immediately.

Strike me lucky!

Greg Hough and his family are striking it lucky in 1981.

First, sister Joanne won the Latrobe Valley Festival Queen title in March and now Greg, 17, has been chosen to play for the Victorian Junior Ten Pin Bowling team.

Greg, a second year apprentice fitter and turner at Morwell Workshops, will be among seven Victorian team members to compete for the President's Shield in Adelaide from May 9-17 against interstate teams.

He has been bowling since he was 11, has an average of 183, and competes in the Starlight League and Junior Classic every Friday night at Morwell Ten Pin.

Greg was selected for the Victorian side last September, finishing second from 100 boys in the junior playoff. Competing in the State Championships at Frankston in March, he won the open singles and bowled a 600 series, making a 200 average.

Joanne, 18, has also been bowling as long as Greg and was sponsored in the Latrobe Valley Festival Queen Quest by the Morwell Ten Pins and the Latrobe Valley Ten Pin Bowling Association.

She raised \$6000 — half the total raised by the five entrants and won a trip for two to Bali plus



Taking a break from bowling at Morwell Ten Pins are Greg, Joanne, Ken and Margaret.

other prizes. Her fundraising committee was made up of bowlers.

Joanne also bowls in the Starlight League and in 1976 was chosen Morwell Ten Pins Bowler of the Year. She has been working at Traralgon ESR since January after completing her HSC at Lourdes College, Traralgon, last year.

Bowling in the Hough family isn't left to just the younger generation.

Mum, Margaret Mooney, has been bowling for a number of years and

bowl in Buckley Street and stepdad Ken, a telecommunications officer at Loy Yang, bowls in both the Classic and Starlight Leagues at Morwell Ten Pins. The Mooney family lives in Traralgon.

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Relief for homeless

Railway sheds, the backs of shops, bridges, parks and even Brotherhood Bins are providing sleeping quarters for a large number of homeless, young people.

And it isn't just in the major cities but right here in Central Gippsland and especially in the Latrobe Valley.

Steve Whitworth (pictured) accommodation officer for the Central Gippsland Emergency Youth Accommodation is looking for people who may be able to offer help to the homeless. Steve said at times as many as 70 young people a night are homeless and forced to sleep out.

Ages range from 15 to 23 and increasing numbers of boys and girls are forced to roam the streets for want of somewhere to live.

An instrument maker at the SEC before taking up his current appointment in December, Steve said he would like to hear from anyone with low cost accommodation available.

A caravan, a sleepout or a spare room in a house would help.

"Most of them are unemployed, those under 18 receiving \$36 weekly, and \$54 weekly for those over.

Some are invalid pensioners, some apprentices. All are on low incomes and cannot afford the high rents and bonds now asked in the Valley," Steve said.

Steve's area extends from Warragul to Traralgon to Yarram and since January he has helped about 20 people, mainly with emergency accommodation.

He said the co-operative was set up to provide a refuge or youth hostel in the area to eliminate the need for individual generosity. This hostel would provide emergency accommodation for a maximum of two months during which time the residents could get some money behind them and hopefully a job.

The co-operative applied for the grant in September 1979, with its submission being highly commended by the Federal Government and then referred to the State Government which in turn passed it onto the Youth Accommodation Special Program, a joint Federal and State Government venture. The co-operative is still waiting for funding.

Steve would welcome any offers of help with emergency accommodation or general assistance with the unemployed and can be contacted on Moe 27 4544 between 9 am and 5 pm week days.



JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOURS LATROBE VALLEY

Morwell Open Cut provides a picturesque background for the Japanese Ambassador to Australia Mr. Mizuo Kuroda and his wife who are pictured with Latrobe Valley Deputy Public Relations Officer Tom Grimes and Special Assignments and Liaison Officer Harry Liefman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuroda toured Commission works areas while on a two day visit to the Latrobe Valley as guests of the Morwell and Traralgon Rotary Clubs.

Mr. Kuroda's tour included visits to the Morwell Open Cut — the biggest open cut mining operation he has seen — and Hazelwood and Loy Yang Power Stations.

During the day he met Coal Production Manager Jack Vines, Engineering Services Manager Ray Greenwood and Morwell Open Cut Coal Production Superintendent Bob Lethlean.

At a joint civic reception in the Traralgon City Hall hosted by Traralgon City Council and Traralgon and Morwell Shire Councils, Mr. Kuroda also met some of the Japanese workers employed on SEC projects in the Valley.

During 35 years diplomatic service, Mr. Kuroda spent time in Yugoslavia, Egypt, America, Britain and the Philippines before taking up his appointment in Australia last year.





64 ENTRIES IN ART EXHIBITION



ABOVE: Pictured is winning local artist Marilyn Close of Yinnar South with art show judge Kees Hos of GIAE and Assistant General Manager (Operations), Clem Joyce.

This year's SEC Art Exhibition held in association with the Latrobe Valley Festival attracted 64 entries.

The exhibition, with the theme "Gippsland – Industry, Agriculture, Energy, People", was officially opened by Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce, on Friday March 20 and closed on March 29.

Works acquired by the Commission were "Dawn of a Shrine" by John Trebilco of Noble Park and "Composition" by Giorgi Dimovski of Lalor.

Other winning entries were "Headwaters of the Latrobe" by Ellsworth Overton of North Balwyn, "View from Nadenbousch Road" by Marilyn Close of Yinnar South, and "Children in the Bush" by Phyll Waterhouse of North Melbourne.

The judging panel comprised the Commission's Chief Architect, Tilak Chhibber, and Head of the GIAE School of Visual Art, Kees Hos.

It's not just torque!

Valley staff driver, Alan Talbot has amused himself over the years with many mechanical projects.

His latest exercise has been to install a dual manual/automatic transmission to his AA120 International truck.

Using a 6.354 Perkins diesel engine coupled to a Chrysler Torqueflite gearbox and a three-speed manual International gear box, the International suddenly found it had nine forward gears and three reverse.

Alan explains that theoretically, by engaging reverse in both the manual and auto transmissions, a tenth forward gear is available.

The combination was thoroughly tested during a trip up to Queensland's far north which Alan made last year. Even when towing a caravan, the International averaged 6.8 km/l for the 10,000km trip.

With the top gear ratio of approximately 35 k/h per 1000 rpm, Alan estimates the top speed of the unit at around 140 k/h.

"It's probably the only one of its type in the country", Alan said.

Taking 120 hours to design, manufacture and fit, it isn't hard to understand why!




**COAL
PRODUCTION**


VALLEY COAL: WHERE IT ALL STARTED

A visit to the Commission's Latrobe Valley works areas on March 18 brought back many memories for 74-year-old Charles William Tulloch of Mildura.

Charles, his wife Adele and their son David (Manager-Editor of Gippsland Times in Sale) toured the Commission's Yallourn and Morwell works areas, as well as the Loy Yang project.

Charles' grandfather, William Tulloch was part owner of the Great Morwell Coal Mining Company (the old Yallourn North open cut) which began operating in 1889. The other part owner was Henry Godridge, a Morwell innkeeper.

Tulloch was a builder and contractor and actually found coal only 10 chain from the Godridge shaft just north of the Latrobe River.

The face of the Tulloch — discovered coal was 20 metres thick. Overburden was 8 metres deep at its thickest part.

The Great Morwell Brown Coal Company NL was formed to develop the field.

Disheartened after financial and mechanical problems in attempting to get the mine going, William Tulloch didn't go ahead with the coal field development. He abandoned his attempts in 1902.

Charles Tulloch was born in Rose-dale and worked and lived in Gippsland, for many years, before moving to Mildura.

ABOVE: David, Charles and Adele Tulloch at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre.



OPEN CUT TURNING THE CORNER

Morwell open cut is heading in new directions — literally.

Operations are now being directed toward the south-west, the first two conveyors having already turned the corner.

Two more conveyors are yet to be built.

The concrete slab for the third conveyor transfer will be poured sometime this month.

Operations Planning Engineer, Chris Fraser expects all conveyors to be around the pivot within about 18 months.

The top conveyor in the south-west field will be in operation until 1990.

Just one last dance

The old Kernot Hall at Yallourn closed its doors in style on Tuesday March 31 when 350 people attended a 60/40 dance.

Among guests at the dance were driver Col Leviston, his wife Shirley, Barb Elton from Hazelwood power station canteen and Coal Production overseer Roger Rich.



**ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Firemen face real-life tests

Recent conversions to the old flats adjacent to the Fire Station in Yallourn have resulted in unexpected demand for the Commission's Fire Services Division.

The flats have been converted to a breathing apparatus training facility, consisting of a chip-board tunnel, with all manner of devious passageways, deadends, and even a hole in the floor — all in pitch darkness.

Following an inspection of the facility by the Country Fire Authority eastern zone officer, Arthur Haynes, the Fire Services was approached to assist in training C.F.A. volunteer personnel.

The C.F.A. training establishment at Fiskville, west of Melbourne, requires eastern zone trainees to travel considerable distances.

Fire officer, Yallourn, Bud Walker, said the C.F.A. representative regarded the facility as probably the best available in Victoria.

Trainees initially familiarise themselves with the darkened interior of the interconnected flats. A second trip is made with breathing masks but no air tanks, and the third trip simulates the real thing, complete with masks, air tanks, billowing non-toxic smoke, and a hidden "victim", which trainees must recover.

Other realistic touches may be added, including exposed 12 volt wires to gently remind trainees of the techniques involved when searching a fire ravaged, darkened, smoke-filled building.

The first two groups of 40 trainees are expected to use the facility next month.

A further scheme involving waste oil fire-fighting is under consideration.

BELOW: Brad Dobson (fireman), "Chook" Churchill (senior fireman) and Bud Walker (fire officer) at the opening of one of the "tunnels" in the refurbished flats.

New officer no stranger to fire services

Engineering Services' Fire Services Division has a new supervisor.

Chris Salter joined the Commission earlier this year from the Melbourne Port Authority Emergency Services where he had worked for 14 years.

During that time he occupied a number of positions, including fire prevention officer.

A promotion to third officer designate wasn't sufficient temptation to keep Chris away from the S.E.C.

Originally from England, Chris arrived in Australia when he was 16, having just finished school. He travelled around Australia for some time working in a number of jobs, ranging from construction on the Hume Weir project to truck driving, and training as an industrial chemist.

Chris plans to step up the division's in-house training programs, which will include rescue procedures.

A family man, Chris and his wife Doreen have three children with them in Morwell.

He likes spending his leisure hours diving, (a passion he developed while working with the Port Authority), squash, and motor mechanics.



Commercial trainee "first"

The Valley's first female Commercial trainee will take up her appointment early in May.

Sue Lobb, administrative clerk, Yallourn Power Station was the only Commission employee selected in this intake for the scheme. There were also two non-commission appointments made.

Following her successful completion of a Bachelor of Economics and Diploma of Education at Latrobe University, Sue joined the Commission where she has worked in both Personnel and Administration for the past 14 months.

Sue is presently studying a number of law units as part of a business administration degree at the Gippsland Institute.

Starting Valley visit with a view



Chairman Charles Trethowan and his fellow Commissioners made a flying start to their annual Latrobe Valley visit late last month.

Flying into the Valley for the first time in several years, the party was given a birds-eye view of the Blue Rock dam construction site, the Loy Yang Project and the site of the proposed Driffeld power project and Morwell River diversion.

The Chairman, Commissioners Sir Bernard Callinan, Robert Millar and Campbell Johnston, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce, Acting Secretary

BELOW: Flying in — Commissioner Robert Millar, AGM (Operations) Clem Joyce, Commissioners Sir Bernard Callinan and Campbell Johnston, Acting Secretary Frank Glynn, Acting Assistant Secretary Brian Kent and Chairman Charles Trethowan soon after arriving at the Latrobe Valley airfield.

ABOVE: Communications Officer "Polly" Politakis (right) demonstrates the emergency communication caravan facilities to Acting Assistant Secretary Brian Kent (left) and Commissioner Robert Millar.

BELOW: One of the first ports of call was the Latrobe Valley Air Shed Study monitoring station at Tom's Bridge, north of Morwell. Scientist-in-Charge, Morwell Atmospheric Science Group (Research and Development Department) Keith Laws-Herd (second from left) explains the monitoring system to the Chairman and Commissioners.



Frank Glynn and Acting Assistant Secretary Brian Kent spent two days (March 26 and 27) inspecting Valley operations.

Their itinerary included visits to Morwell, Yallourn and Yallourn North extension open cuts, Hazelwood and Yallourn W power stations, the Loy Yang project, proposed Driffeld project site and to a Latrobe Valley Air Shed Study monitoring station at Tom's Bridge north of Morwell.

Commissioners took advantage of the opportunity to meet and talk with employees in the various work locations.

One of the highlights of the first day of the visit was a luncheon at the soon to close Yallourn Hotel, when the Chairman presented licensee Pat O'Sullivan and his wife Sheila with a painting of St. Therese's Church.

The visit also included a Commission meeting at the Morwell administration offices.



LEFT: Electrical mechanic Fred Bianconi and trades assistant Karen Fleming meet the Chairman.

BELOW: Morwell open cut Fire Services Officer John Lee outlines the open cut fire protection system to Commissioner Campbell Johnston and AGM (Operations) Clem Joyce.

ABOVE: Sir Bernard Callinan gets a run-down on Yallourn W power station from Acting Power Station Superintendent Alf Obersby. Looking on are electrician John Gillett and unit controller Rod Parker.

BELOW LEFT: The Chairman chats with engineer Gary Jenkins, overseer Frank Ross and administrative officer Sue Carr over afternoon tea at Loy Yang.





POWER GENERATION

Sup(hirs)tition smiles on John

Defying superstition, Friday the 13th proved to be a lucky day for John Hirs when he caught a 98 kg marlin while holidaying at Narooma.

John, simulator instructor at the Hazelwood Training Centre, caught the fish on the last day of his annual two weeks stay at Narooma in March.

"The largest fish I have ever caught, it took me one hour and 20 minutes to bring in. I was in my Pride Firebird, a 15ft 7 runabout ski boat, and had a 50lb breaking strain on my line," he said.

John was assisted by his brother Henry, a shift electrician at Morwell Power Station, and Jos Kamphuis, a unit attendant at Hazelwood, who helped gaff the fish and bring it in.

The fish was caught near Montague Island, about eight kilometres out to sea from Narooma — and that

night some 20 people enjoyed barbecued marlin steaks courtesy of John.

The Hirs family is among half a dozen family groups, most of whom work for the Commission, who have been travelling to Narooma for an annual two week stay since 1978. The group also includes John Tewerik, a unit controller at Hazelwood, who caught a 122lb yellow fin tuna during this year's stay.

John said the prime reason for going there in March is to attend the Narooma Sport Fishing Convention which is held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Victorian Labor Day weekend.

RIGHT: John is proudly pictured with his catch at the Narooma Marina.



Ball bearing ballet

Last year, Eric Lawton a unit attendant at Hazelwood power station stage 4 UA, and partner Dianne Armstrong came sixth in the Victorian skate dancing championships with only one month's practice.

Shortly afterwards they won a silver medal in another competition. With this years championships, to be held in Moe, less than a month away, Eric and Diana's chances look promising.

Eric has been skating for only 18 months, starting just after the rink opened in Moe.

He received his initial instruction from visiting European champion Carl Stirling, who later went to Brisbane.

Moe rink is currently benefitting from the instruction of two American skaters.

Eric said skate dancing was becoming a big thing.

"It's terrific exercise and not strenuous," he said.

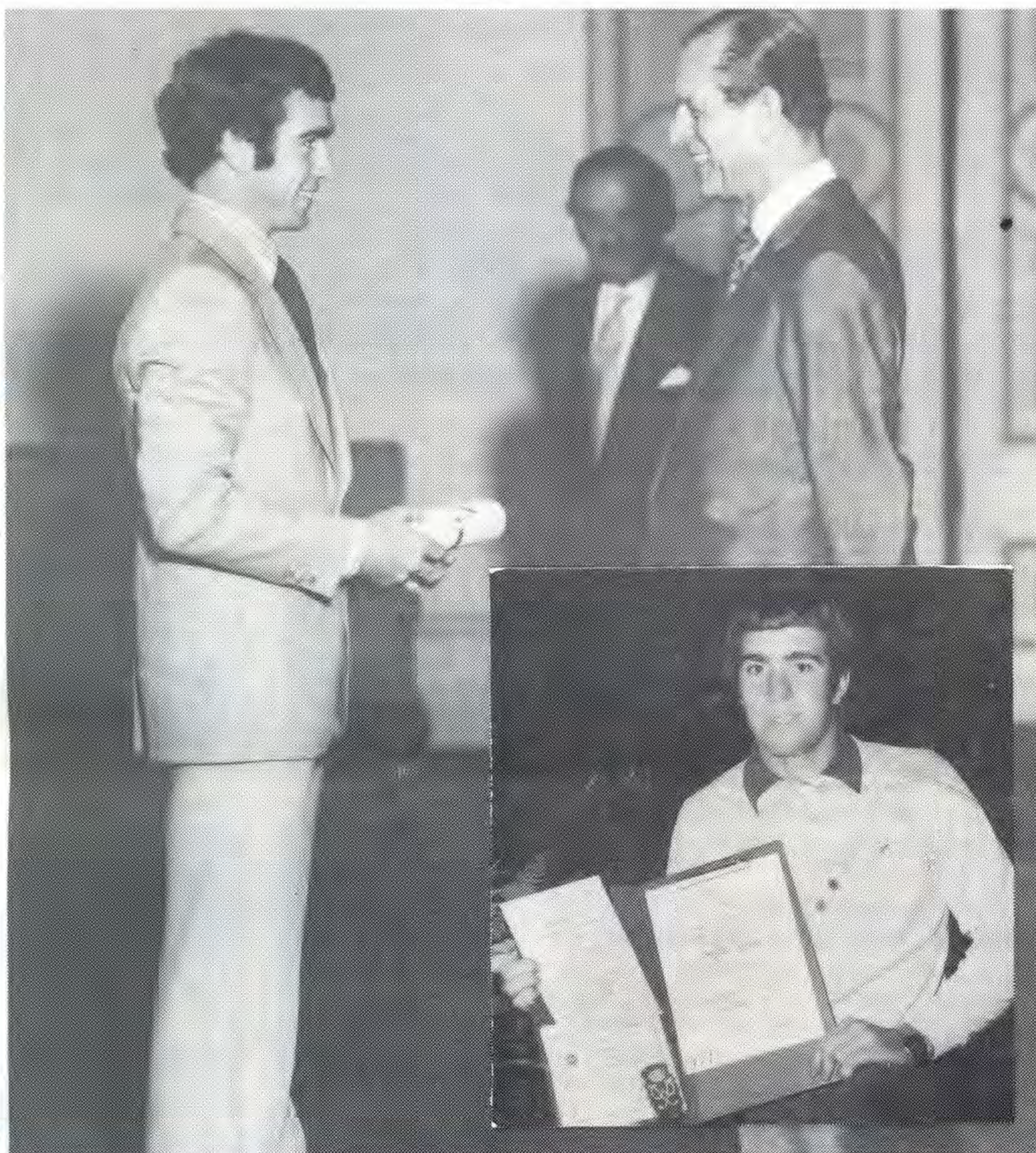
Eric recently took part in the Kevin Heinze cancer research marathon "skate-in", and personally raised \$57.

Nearly \$7000 was raised for the foundation.

Eric completed the 20 hour marathon — then went home and slept for 13 hours.



Traralgon youth wins award



After four years hard work for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, Stephen Young of Traralgon had the honor of being presented with his gold certificate by the Duke himself at Government House, Melbourne, on Friday March 27.

Stephen a trainee engineering assistant (electrical testing), was among 46 young people to receive certificates from Prince Phillip.

Stephen, 18, joined the scheme in 1977 while a student at Gippsland Grammar School, Sale. He took part while in forms three, four and five and continued the interest after leaving school to start with the Commission. He spent last year at Yallourn Technical College and this year began his training within various Latrobe Valley sections.

He has already obtained his bronze, silver and gold medals and bronze and silver certificates.

Stephen explained that the scheme involves the completion of various sections, including community service. Six months is required for bronze level, nine months for silver and 12 months for gold. For the gold level Stephen elected to do voluntary work at Central Gippsland Hospital, Traralgon.

Participants must also pursue a hobby for the same amount of time — Stephen chose golf — and they are expected to improve their physical fitness throughout the scheme and are tested accordingly. Bronze level also requires preliminary first aid training.

"There are a minimum two expeditions for each level and five hikes for gold. Last September four of us took part in a five day hike from Lake Tali Karng to Glenmaggie using navigational aids along bush tracks," Stephen said

Finally for his gold level Stephen had to spend five days living and working with people his own age in a different environment. He spent that time in Melbourne working on a building site.

L. V. T. Commercial Officer, Phil Watts has studied a total of 34 units to complete his Bachelor of Business Administration, only to find that he won't receive his degree until 1982.

From 1974 to 1978 Phil studied for his Certificate of Business Studies and his Diploma of Business Studies.

Then, during 1980, Phil completed the newly designed six unit conversion course leading to a Degree in Business Administration.

He was the first student to complete the specially designed course. However, he was literally ahead of his time.

The accreditation of the course was not ratified until this year, which means that conferral of degrees for the conversion course will not take effect until 1982.

However, Phil feels that it was of great benefit, since his diploma aided the financial management perspective and the conversion course rounded off the administration and management areas.



Loy Yang stacker stretches its arms

The giant TS4 stacker is quickly becoming another Loy Yang landmark.

Being built by Johns Perry/MAN, the stacker structure is now about 80 per cent complete with the recent erection of the connection bridge joining the tripper and stacker structures.

This bridge came in three sections from the Johns Perry works in Adelaide. It was set out and joined on the ground to make a single piece 65 metres long weighing 100 tonnes.

The procedure for erecting the bridge was explained by Johns Perry/MAN site manager, Don McFarlane. "The tripper end was placed under the tripper structure and the stacker end set beside the stacker. A single 130 tonne crawler crane lifted the bridge's tripper end where it was hung from the tripper structure. The crane then lifted the stacker end, walked in and positioned it for fixing to the stacker structure."

This smooth operation eliminated the need for three cranes to lift the bridge which would have made the lift slower and more complicated, Don said.

The next main section of the structure to be connected is the tail end of the tripper including tail pylon, tail boom and tripper electrical house.

There are 50 men on site including Don and his technical adviser Gehart Gastner from Johns Perry/MAN. The remaining workers are with sub-contractors McFee Constructions who are doing the stacker erection and Bayley and Grimster who are doing the electrical installation, which is 20 per cent complete.

When completed the TS4 stacker will weigh 2000 tonnes, will stand 33.5 metres tall and will have an overall length of 167.5 metres. It will feed off the L710 conveyor being built by Eglo at Loy Yang and will be capable of moving 10,800 cubic metres of overburden an hour.



Settling on something concrete - and lots of it

John Holland Constructions Pty. Ltd. has completed the biggest concrete pour for Loy Yang A station Stage 2.

The contractor poured 1800 cubic metres of concrete for the lift shaft raft in a nine hour operation.

John Holland recommenced work at the end of January on the massive two year contract for construction of the foundations and steelwork of the electrical bunker bay, turbine house, draught plant and boiler house footings and the boiler house lift shaft for Units 3 and 4.

The contract which involves a site area of 5½ hectares, brings under the control of a single contractor work undertaken on Units 1 and 2 by Leighton Contractors Pty. Ltd., Dillingham Australia Ltd. and John Holland.

In the course of the contract 78,000 cubic metres of concrete, 7500 tonnes of reinforcing steel and 75,000 square metres of form-work will be placed.

Readymix is supplying the concrete to John Holland and for the lift shaft the company used the slip-form technique rather than the more common jump-form system.

Work on the boiler raft has been continuing in conjunction with the lift shaft raft. Both the main boiler house column rafts and lift shaft raft are six metres deep.



Above: Working on one of the boiler rafts are carpenter Steve Bazzocco, TA Ian Parker and carpenter Jeff Van Hoesel.

The contract involves placing the reinforced concrete raft foundations, columns and pedestals and excavations and backfill.

John Holland is also responsible for all work below ground including an extensive network of drainage structures, cable tunnels and cooling water conduits.

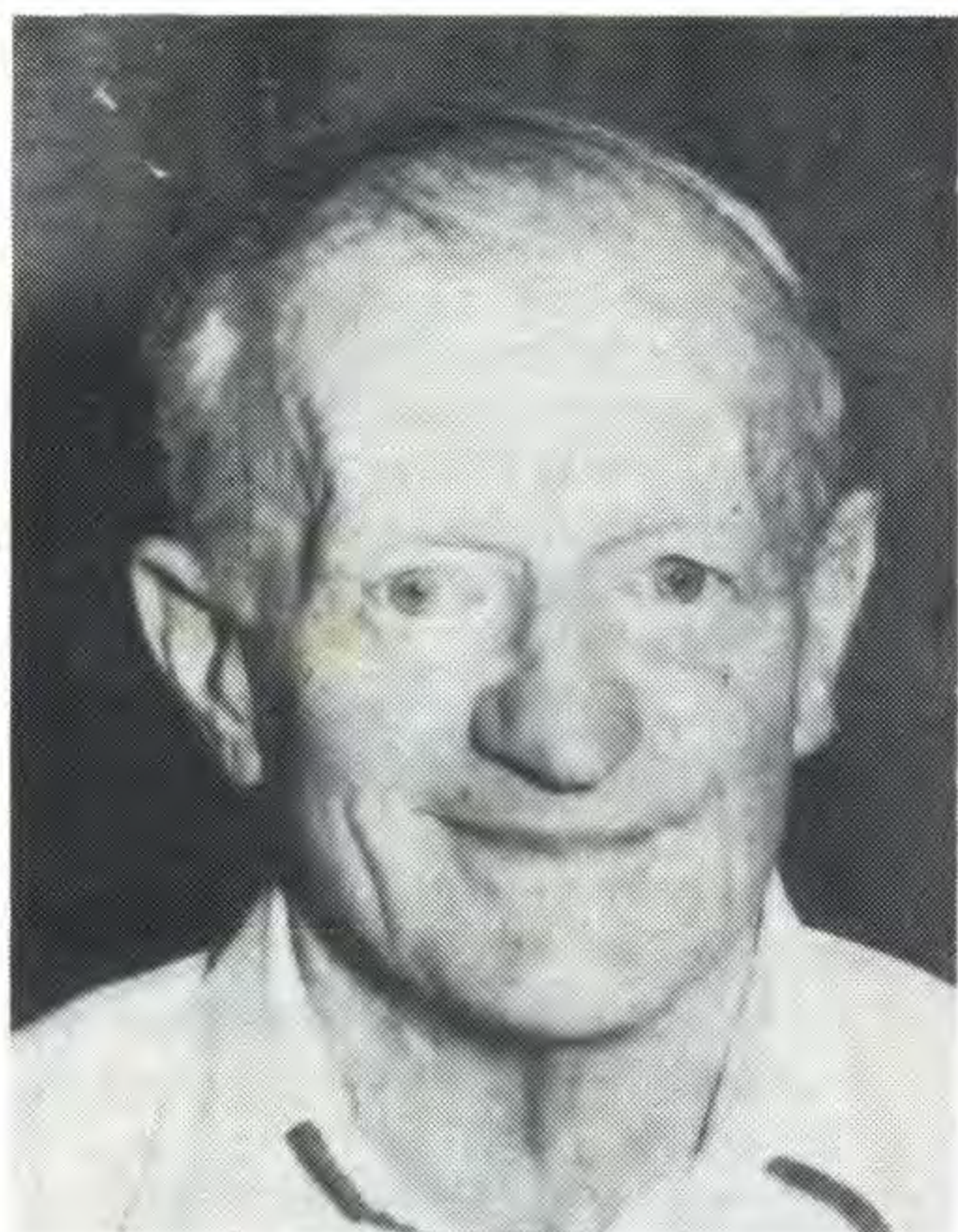
John Holland project manager is Roger Baird and engineer is Mike Hiren. SEC engineers are Graeme Calway and Bill Best and supervisors Bill Johnstone and John Matinca. There are 100 men working on the contract including staff and sub-contractors. This figure will soon double.

Workshops social club

Applications for membership of the Morwell Workshops Social Club, for 1981 closes on April 30.

For further information contact John Hoffard Ext. 3446.

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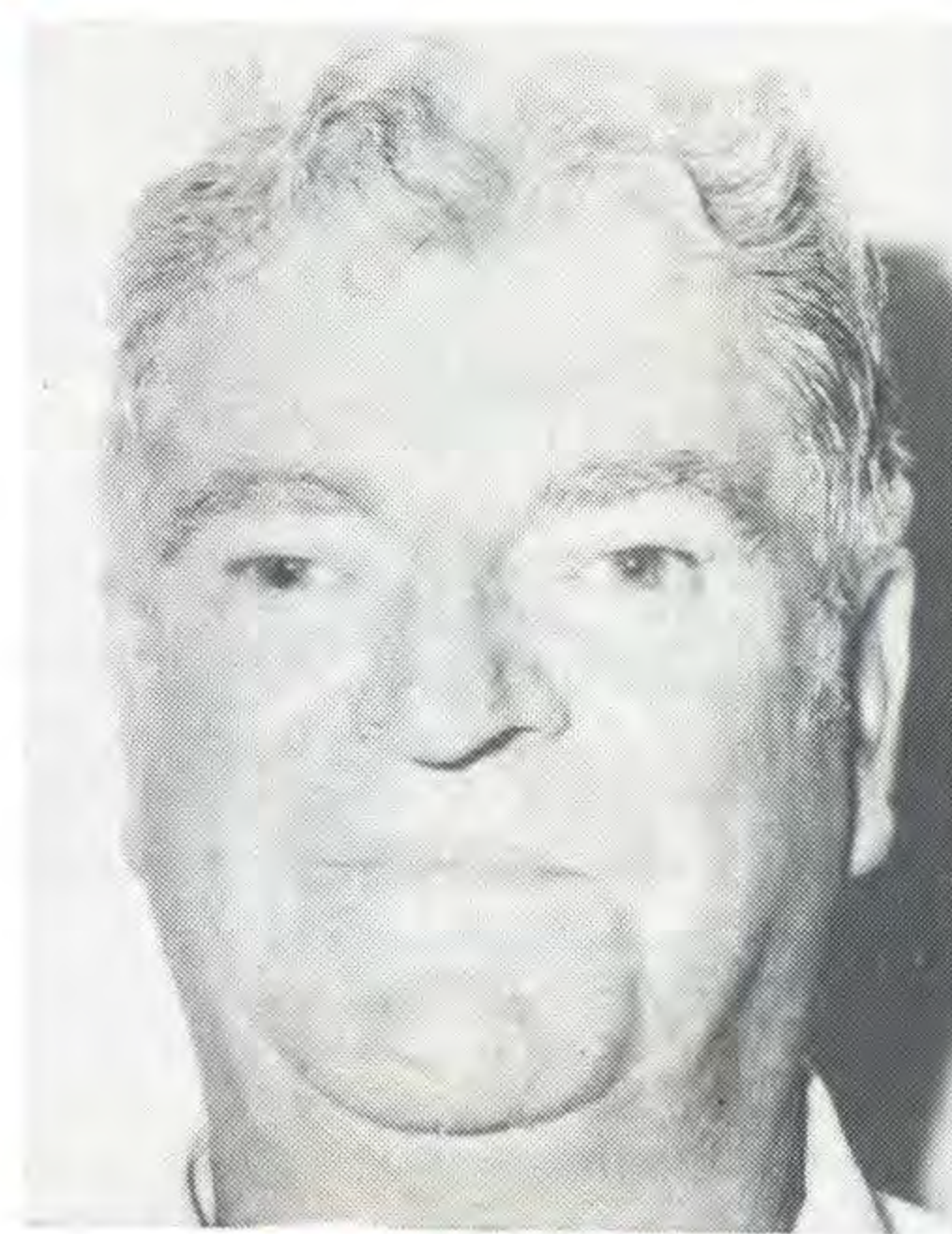


JOHN SHEARS

Following his retirement, John Shears intends to move to Rosebud to live where he will continue to enjoy his hobbies of travelling and gardening.

At a farewell in the Yallourn Civil Works Depot canteen he was presented with a wallet and notes from his workmates. He intends to buy a barbecue with the money.

John began in June 1969 as a pick and shovelman at Yallourn Open Cut and retired as a reservoir attendant.



GEORGE COPAL

Fishing will be among the interests George Copal pursues following his retirement from the Commission.

George joined in June 1960 as a trimmer at Morwell Power Station and retired from there 20 years later as a leading hand fireman. Workmates presented him with a wallet and notes at a farewell in the superintendent's office, Morwell Briquetting and Power.



MARK BARROW

Mark Barrow received a variety of gifts on his retirement from after 25 years' service.

He started with the Commission in July 1955 as an instrument fitter at Yallourn Power Station and was appointed a foreman at Hazelwood in November 1968. During the past 12 years he had several opportunities to act as instrument workshop overseer and instrument programming overseer.

His farewell was held in the Hazelwood Power Station canteen. Mark will enjoy a four months overseas holiday. His hobbies include his family and garden.



TOM KELLY

Tom Kelly has plans to visit his son in Rockhampton, Queensland, following his retirement from after 29 years service.

He joined in May 1952 as a boiler-maker's assistant at the Yallourn Workshops and retired from Morwell Briquetting and Power as an operator grade 1.

His farewell was held in the superintendent's office Morwell Briquetting and Power where he was presented with a wallet of notes. He will remain living in Morwell and his hobbies include fishing.



ALEX CIECHORSKI

After 30 years' service Alex Ciechorski was farewelled by workmates at a function at the Yallourn North Hotel.

Alex was presented with a barometer when he retired from the position of operator, Yallourn Open Cut.

He joined in 1951 as a laborer in Construction. A keen gardener, Alex also plans to visit his daughter and family in Canberra.

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ANGELO O'CONNE

A pen and pencil set was presented to Angelo O'Conne on his retirement after 19 years service. Angelo joined in 1962 as a laborer, Fuel Sales, Yallourn.

He has worked as a tractor driver and cleaner and retires from the position of mechanical plant operator, Civil Service Morwell.



BRIAN WALSH

Brian Walsh is hoping to spend some of his time fishing following his retirement from the Commission.

Brian joined in 1959 as a laborer at Morwell and retired from the position of electrical plant attendant, Morwell Briquetting and Power. Workmates presented him with a wallet and notes.

GEORGE BEULKE

Gardening and especially the cultivation of fuchsias will dominate much of George Beulke's new-found leisure time in retirement.

George joined the Commission in January 1946 as a laborer at Coal and retired from Yallourn Power Station as a leading hand painter.

He attended a farewell at the Yallourn Golf Club and then at the Yallourn plumbers' shop where he was presented with a pair of binnoculars, a pen and pencil set and a beer mug. The Penguin Club presented him with a gold watch and his wife with a box of chocolates.



LEON KOWALCZYK

Gardening and fishing around the Gippsland Lakes and at Eden will keep Leon Kowalczyk busy following his retirement after 30 years service.

Leon was presented with a wallet of notes by Jack Embrey, Coal Operations Superintendent, Yallourn Open Cut, at a farewell at the Yallourn Hotel.

Leon joined the Commission in April 1951 as a laborer in Construction and retired from the Yallourn Open Cut as an operator.



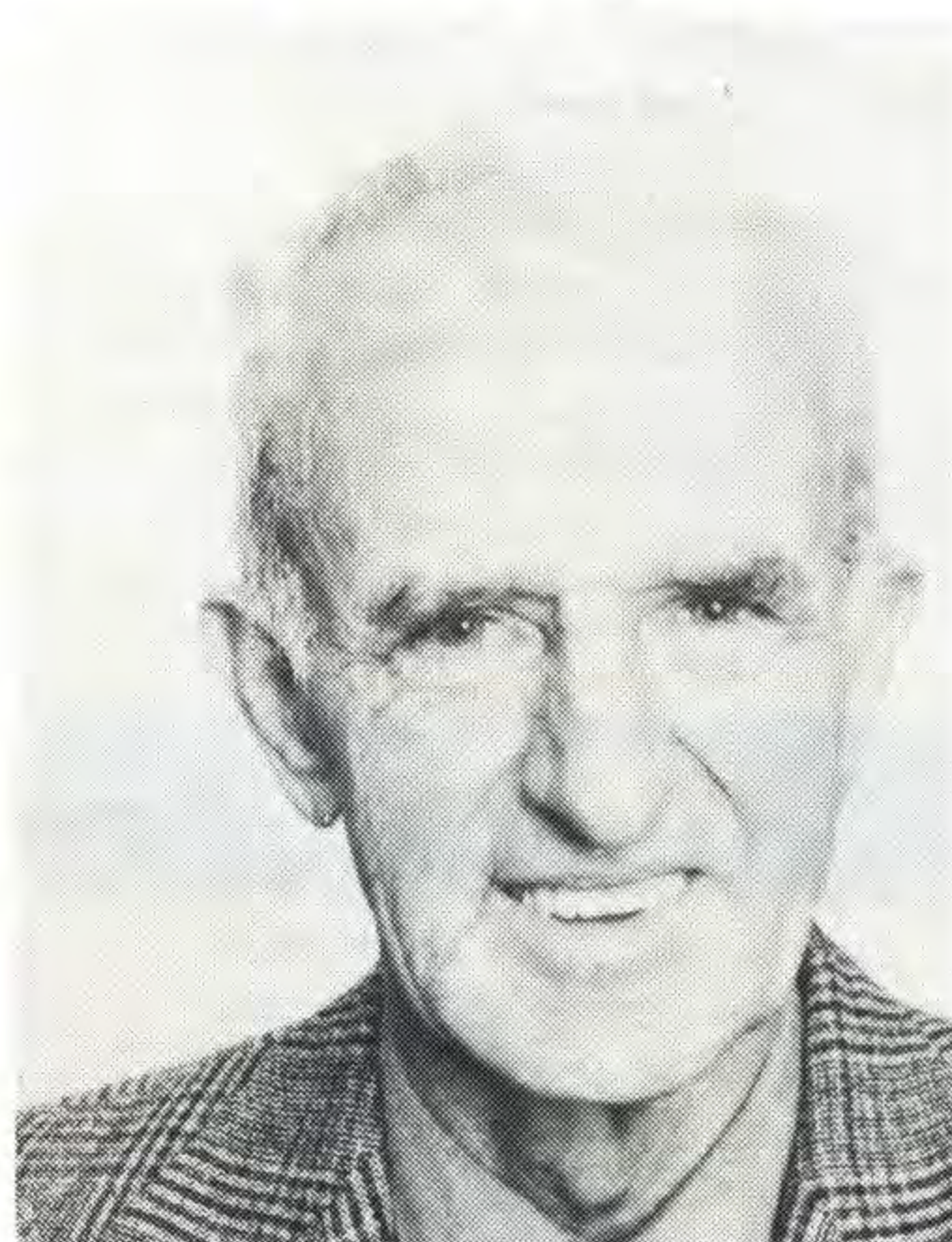
RAY VAN GULIK

Ray Van Gulik will enjoy another overseas trip to Holland following his retirement from after 21 years service.

Ray previously revisited his homeland in 1979.

He was presented with a wallet of notes at his farewell in the superintendent's office, Morwell Briquetting and Power.

Ray joined the Commission in May 1959 as a trimmer at Morwell Power Station and retired from there as an operator grade 3.





CRICKET AWARD

Congratulations to Sbig Ciercan (a fitter at Yallourn Central Workshops) who has won the Central Gippsland Cricket Association's A grade batting average.

Sbig recorded 528 runs in 16 innings last season, giving him an average of 37.7.

Association president Ray Grieve, (Morwell stores) presented the champion player award after his address at the Association dinner.

Vice presidents Graeme Freshwater (Morwell Coal Production) and Bruce Beatson (Moe Credit Union) presented trophies for the various grades' batting and bowling averages, as well as the premiership shields.

Ron Key and Joe Kirkup show their winning style.

BOWLS DAY A SUCCESS

The Association of SEC Social Clubs Latrobe Annual Valley bowls day in March attracted 112 SEC and ex-SEC employees.

Opened by chairman of the bowls day committee Joe Kirkup and Don Lees from Coca Cola — the main sponsor, the bowls day at the Morwell Bowling Club Recreation Centre was one of the most successful yet.

Association president John Hutchinson (Yallourn Power Station Superintendent) and Don Lees presented trophies to the winning rink, which included Ron and Ev Key and Norma and Steve Foster.

The bowls day was organised by Joe Kirkup, retired superintendent fitter from Coal Production, Lex Derham, canteen attendant at Morwell Briquetting and Power, and SEC truck driver Bill Warren.

Runners-up were Joe and Vida Kirkup, Geoff Melbourne and Hilda Cook.

Other results: highest number of shots up, Charlie Marshall, Josie and Fred Smith and Tina Martin, spiders, Stella Bear and Pat Quigley, first toucher, Alma Phillips and Ernie Hanson; secret score, Mal Croft's rink and lowest losing rink, J. Tullis'



Don Lees from Coca Cola is pictured (above) presenting Ron Key with his trophy. With them are Norma Foster, association president John Hutchinson, Steve Foster and Ev Key.

FOR SALE

1981 Suzuki GS 1000 motor cycle, 1300 kms shaft drive plus 1978 Sigma SE sedan, 2 litre, 5 speed, air conditioning, 53,000 kms. Reasonable offers considered, contact G. Verrall 27 6148 after hours.



LEFT: Two of the social club bowls competitors were retired commission employees "Swampy" Davies from Morwell, who won a fishing reel, and Jack Weir, from Moe.