



*Booney*

# CONTACT

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New Public Relations Group journalist Pat Herley has quickly established himself as a familiar face in all Latrobe Valley works areas and on construction sites.

Pat came to the Valley from the Riverina, where he worked on a provincial newspaper in Leeton. He has also worked on papers in Darwin and New Guinea.

Originally from Canberra, Pat holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Canberra College of Advanced Education, and "bits and pieces" of music and law degrees.

He lists his interests as classical music, motorcycles and chess, although not necessarily in that order.

Pat will be involved in the production of Contact and Construction News, a monthly publication distributed on the Commission's Latrobe Valley construction sites, as well as other public relations activities.

He would welcome any news tips and can be contacted on extension 3228 or 3552.

## Tom's atlas is strictly for the birds

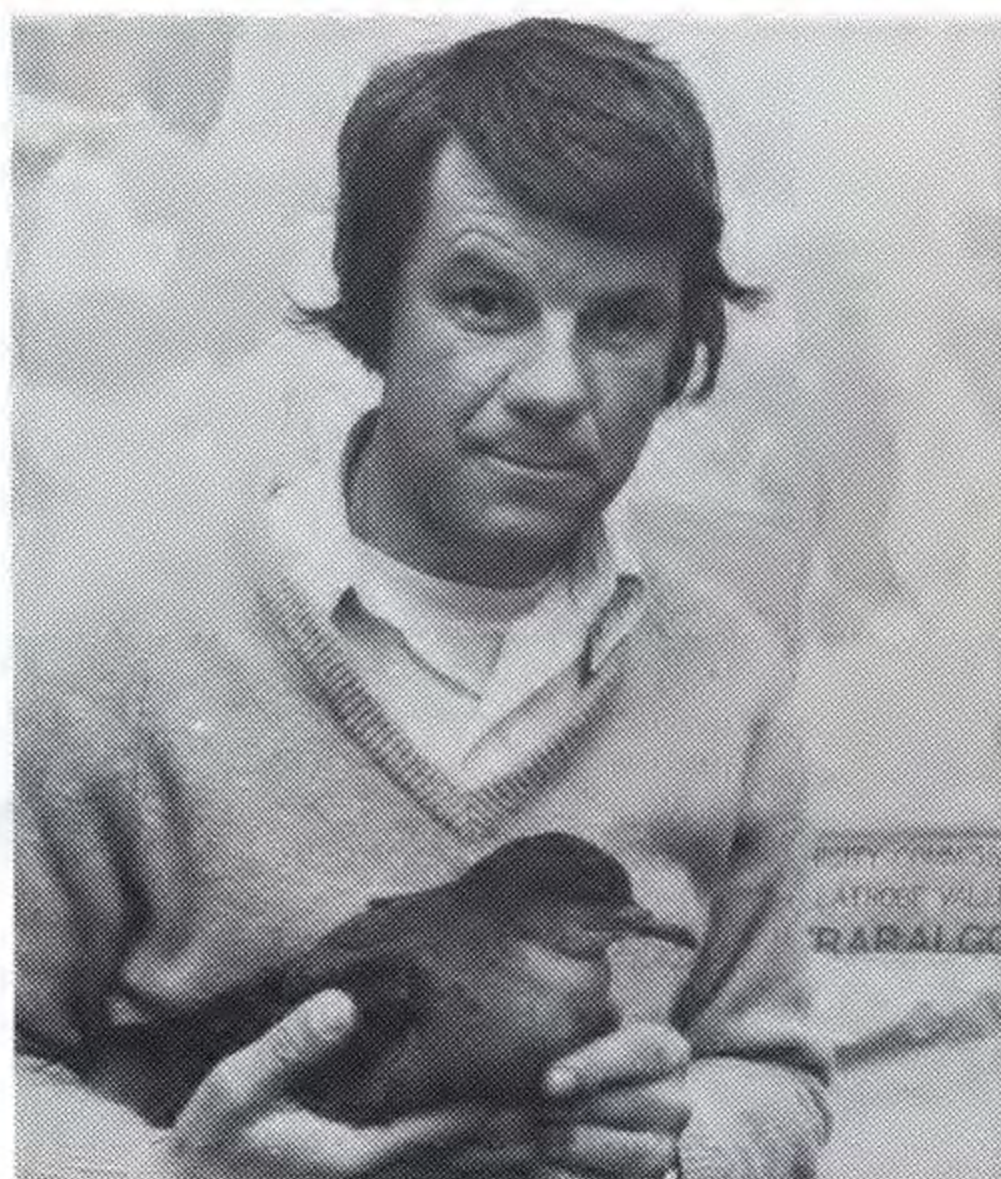
Tom Wheller (right) from Survey at Hazelwood is always looking for birds and, what's more, his wife doesn't mind in the least.

You see, Tom's birds are the feathered variety and although he has been interested in birdwatching for as long as he can remember, his hobby has stepped up over the past four years due to his involvement with the Royal Australian Ornithologist Union.

The union is compiling a bird atlas for the whole of Australia and has enlisted the aid of birdwatchers from all over the continent.

Tom explained that the country has been broken up into one degree squares and that birdwatchers within these areas are required to list the birds they see and forward the lists to the union.

"If a bird is spotted that normally isn't found in the area you are



required to furnish more details," he said.

This situation cropped up with Tom at the end of April when he came across a number of mutton birds in the Hazelwood power station switchyard.

The mutton bird, or more correctly Short Tailed Shearwater, is a coastal bird that normally doesn't come this far inland.

"They spend our winter near Alaska and I can only assume that the birds found in Morwell had been blown off course on their flight

north," said Tom. "The half dozen birds I found had hit the wires in the switchyard and the couple that were still alive I passed on to the Fisheries and Wildlife Department at Traralgon."

He said the birds found were all young, as the parents fly north first and leave the young to follow about a month later.

Tom has spotted some 140 different types of birds in the Commission works areas, listing them for the bird atlas. Another 100 have been recorded in the Yarragon area where he lives.

Compilation for the bird atlas is being done over a five year period and ends next January. After that Tom says he will probably become involved in more union activities.

He is also thinking of compiling a bird atlas himself, covering just Victoria.

Tom takes photos and slides of the birds he sees and has been a guest speaker at meetings of the Traragon and Warragul Field Naturalists Clubs and Yarragon Lions Club.

He has worked with the Commission for 16 years, the past eight with the Morwell Survey section at Hazelwood. The outdoor life suits him and gives him a chance to pursue his birdwatching.

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### Cover

*At this stage it could be anyone's race at the beginning of the Yallourn Power Station fun run. Full story and more photos on page 8.*

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# Hazelwood rallies behind kayak champ

A big appeal is under way to help Rene Mol, a fitter at Hazelwood power station get to Europe for the European kayak championships.

Rene was selected for the five man Australian team following his win in the Australian kayak marathon championship held on the Murray River at Yarrawonga last month. He covered the 64 kilometre course in 4 hours 51 seconds, six seconds ahead of the second place-getter.

Rene also won his section in the past two Red Cross Murray River Marathons.

It's going to cost Rene at least \$3500 to make it to Europe, and that



sort of ready cash is pretty hard for anyone to lay their hands on.

So, the boys at Hazelwood power station are launching an appeal, not only throughout the Commission,

but also local service clubs and business houses.

Rene has had to train without the benefit of a coach, and by bringing himself to the peak levels of endurance and fitness to become the Australian champion, he deserves all the support he can get.

He stands a chance of putting Australia on the international map as far as canoeing goes, so long as he can raise the funds to attend the world kayak grand prix series.

All inquiries regarding sponsorship can be directed to Mrs. Dorothy McCulloch on (03) 62 7411 (B.H.) or (03) 35 16198 (A.H.), or Ray Medew, 4 Kelleher Street, Churchill (22 1831) (A.H.) or S.E.C. extension 5178 or Rene Mol (22 1828) (A.H.) or S.E.C. extension 4211.

## Sessions outline Driffield proposal

Information sessions on the Driffield power project proposal have begun throughout Latrobe Valley works areas.

Conducted by Public Relations Group officers, the sessions are designed to ensure all employees have a thorough understanding of the proposal.

The half hour sessions include a slide presentation outlining the proposed open cut/4000 MW development, as well as the Morwell river diversion.

Information sessions began early this month and will continue through June and July.

The Parliamentary Public Works Committee is at present conducting a two-stage inquiry into the proposal.

The first stage, which began on April 8, is dealing with the timing of the development and the alternative energy options. The second stage, beginning about August, will deal with the Commission's proposed Driffield project and brown coal alternatives in the context of longer range planning for the Latrobe Valley coalfields. This stage will also consider the environmental effects of the proposal.

The Commission, in conjunction with consultants Kinhill Pty. Ltd.,

is at present preparing an Environment Effects Statement, which will provide full information on the economic, social and environmental effects of the proposal.

The statement will be tabled at the start of the second stage of the PPWC inquiry. The Commission will also draw on information contained in the statement in presenting its sworn evidence.

### Inquiry centre hours change

The Commission's Developments Inquiry Centre in Tarwin Street, Morwell is to remain open later on Fridays.

The centre, designed to provide the Latrobe Valley community with up-to-date information on current and proposed Commission developments in the region, at present is open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

It will now remain open until 6 p.m. on Fridays.



The Commission's senior managers are used to spending a lot of their time on the 18th floor of Monash House in Melbourne. But they don't often have a chance to have a look around the 18th floor of Yallourn W stage two.

A visit to the Valley early this month provided that opportunity. Yallourn W Project Manager Ken Price (third from right) is pictured with (from left) AGM (Administration) Dick Hurley, AGM (Operations) Clem Joyce, AGM (Personnel) Frank Sims, AGM (Development) Kevin Connelly, Chairman Charles Trethowan and AGM (Supply) Bob Chapman.

# The switchboard connection

The Commission's Yallourn telephone switchboard, like the Morwell switch, and no doubt any other manual switchboard in the world, is really operated by people with names and faces.

Stating the obvious, perhaps, but how often are we all guilty of sometimes regarding the operator as "that voice on the other end of the phone?"

Susan Sawyer, Cathy Davis, Sid Walker, along with supervisors Dawn Smith and Eric Smith (no relations) who are pictured here at work are some of those "faceless voices" for whom many of us seldom pause to spare a thought as they go about their mostly thankless task of answering a collective 5000 calls a day.

Cathy, a former Telecom switchboard operator for four years, has been with the Commission as an operator for 12 months.

"I love it here," she said, but at the same time expressed the occasional disappointment with some of the customers.

"They tend to take us for granted," she added.

Susan thinks it would help if people could view the switch-room during a busy period for themselves and then



they would understand just how hectic it becomes.

"It would also help if customers knew the extension they wanted, or at least the division or section. Some people ring up and just ask for Fred," she said.

"They have no idea how big the S.E.C. is and what sort of area we cover."

Sid has been operating switchboards for 22½ years — 3½ of them in the R.A.F.

"On the average, most customers are pretty good," Sid said "But the polite ones really do make the day easier.

"There's something new on the board every day," is the way he philosophically sums up his attitude to the job.

No doubt, some of the calls to faraway places such as New Zealand and Sweden help make it that way.

Busy times come and go. Susan said peak times occurred during black-outs or power failures, and consumers who didn't know who to ring inundated the board with calls.

Other times, with three operators manning (female-ing) the complex switch, a happy co-operation keeps them all out of trouble.

So, next time you may feel like taking the day's frustration out on the telephonist and biting her/his head off, count to ten — it may be one of the faces in this picture.

## Dancing the night away

*Morwell Briquette and Power Social Club's social at Traralgon Technical School Hall was a great success.*

*About 300 people enjoyed the music of Stampede at the first of two socials the social club conducts each year.*

*Pictured (top) are Beryl Miller, Dick Sagar, Bob Miller, Evelyn Walker and Vin Walker.*

*Bottom: Pat and Ken Hewat (Social Club president) and Nell and Buddy Crane (life member).*

## Eric bound for national titles

Roller-skater Eric Lawton ("Ball-bearing ballet", April Contact) Eric recently won the Victorian skate dancing championship with partner Dianne Armstrong. Contested at the Moe rink, Eric and partner scored 4.4 in the freestyle section.

Eric said 3.5 was a good mark. "With the mark we were given I'm a bit happier about prospects for the Australian championships," he said.





## Chance to experience work life

The Commission this year will provide 280 work experience positions in its Latrobe Valley works areas for Gippsland secondary school students.

The biggest supporter of the work experience program in Gippsland, the Commission has been taking part for four years.

Acting Training and Development Officer Ken Martin said there was a great demand for work experience positions with the Commission. The number of positions made available has increased each year.

Ken said students from all over Gippsland took part in the program.

The students, aged between 14 and 16, list their career preferences with their careers teachers and positions are allocated by the Education Department's regional office at Moe.

The Commission offers positions in trade, commercial and professional occupations.

Ken said there had been a trend for girls to apply for work experience



outside the traditional commercial area. In the first intake this year one girl worked with the plumbers at Yallourn.

There will be six intakes of work experience students with the Commission this year. They will work for one nine day fortnight.

*Above: Work Experience student Maree Bakker (right) of Kildare College, Traralgon, is pictured working with drafting assistant Chris Winderlich in the Yallourn drafting office.*

## John throws in the towel and cleans up

There was a ceremonial burning of the tea-towel at the Hallyburton household in Newborough recently.

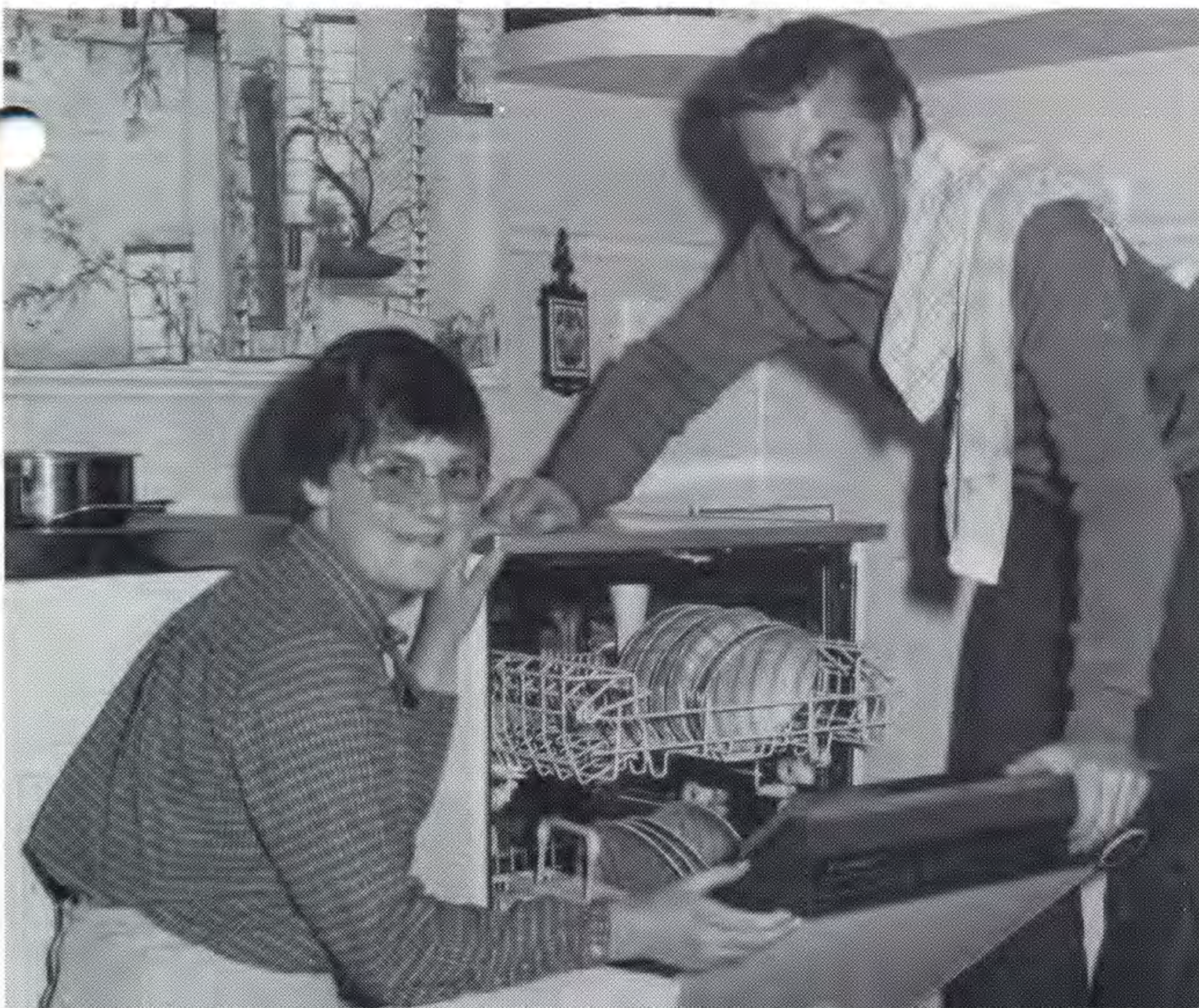
John Hallyburton, (Personnel) was celebrating the end of one household ordeal – drying the dishes.

John won for his wife Jan – and himself, it seems – a Vulcan/Dishlex dishwasher worth \$550 in a competition in the Sunday Observer newspaper.

Contestants had to name the number of international settings this type of dishwasher would take. John correctly answered 14.

“My experience working in Commission showrooms helped me,” he explained.

Coincidentally, the Hallyburton's read of their win in the paper on Jan's birthday and as an added bonus were taken out to lunch at a later date at a suburban restaurant by Vulcan reps.



*John and Jan are pictured trying out their new kitchen helper.*



## Open cut train loading station makes a move

The Yallourn open cut train loading station is on the move.

The station is at present being moved from its position on the west face of level one in the cut (where it has been since May, 1974) to north east of the fuel distribution house.

Begun in early March, the removal of the station was necessary due to current developments in the cut.

The structure previously provided coal to both Yallourn ditch bunkers and the Morwell briquette factory but when relocated it will serve only Morwell.

The station will include the T16 conveyor in conjunction with the T15 conveyor, which runs from the fuel distribution house.

Commission engineer Mick Salienko said the train loading station was expected to be in service this winter.

*The 60-tonne conveyor bridge section (the new T16 conveyor) is lifted and manoeuvred into position by a 150-tonne capacity crane during the night time, flood-lit operation.*



## Open cut group chalks up 250,000 safe hours

The mechanical maintenance boys of Coal Production Department's Morwell open cut division celebrated 250,000 accident-free hours last month.

From July last year up to April this year, they logged more than 282,000 lost time injury-free man hours.

At a presentation at the Morwell Club, they were collectively presented with a certificate from the National Safety Council of Australia.

Safety advisor, Eddie Tunn, said it was the highest man-hour figure ever achieved by the section.

"The previous highest was 103,000," he said.

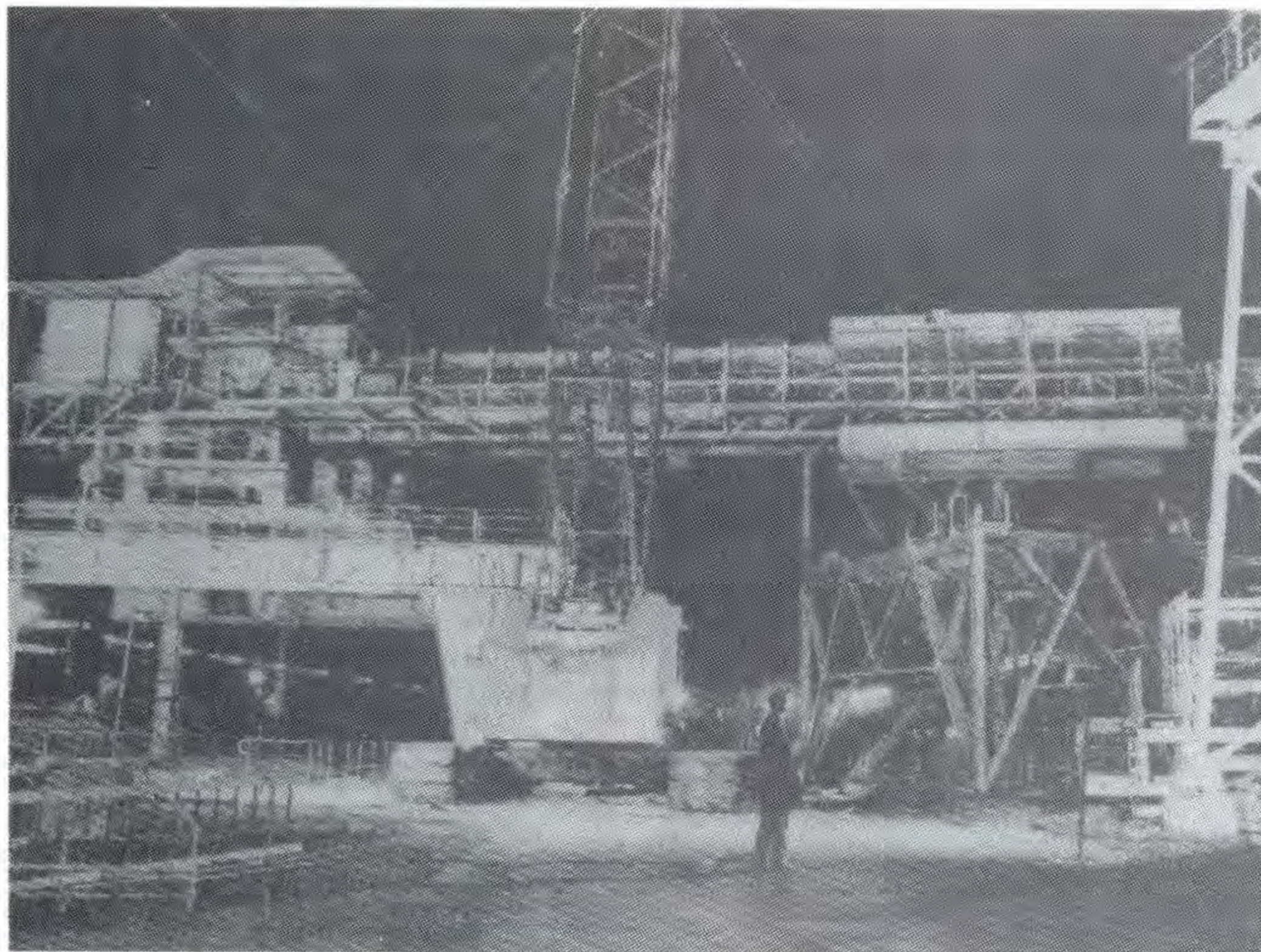
Assistant Coal Production Superintendent Brian Ryan praised the men's efforts before presenting the certificate.

"To me, it's quite a remarkable performance," he said.

The group currently holds the Coal Production Manager's trophy for safety.

The division now has its sights set on the half-million hour mark, which, if all goes well, should fall due some time in October.

*Above: Brian Ryan presents the NSCA certificate to Fred Stanlake, Gary Campbell, Anton Sas, and Alan Hayes.*





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# Management changeover

Don Bromilow is stepping into Ray Greenwood's shoes as Engineering Services Manager.

Ray, who takes up his new appointment in Melbourne as Chief Engineer, Transmission Development on May 25, said there was a real sense of loss connected with the move.

"I've enjoyed very much the period I spent with Engineering Services, in terms of what I've learnt and the people I've met. In a large department it's difficult to penetrate as far into the organisation as one would wish, but I've been gratified by the very real and lasting personal friendships I have managed to develop and for the loyalty and support I have received."

"Unfortunately, there are some projects with which I've been associated that I won't be able to see through and I regret that I won't be involved in the many challenges in the future, but I'm confident that Don Bromilow will receive the support and assistance that I have which will ensure that the prestige and standing of the department will continue to increase."

"I have developed an enormous respect for the expertise of the person-



Don Bromilow Ray Greenwood

nel in Engineering Services, and for the dedicated and skilled manner in which they utilise their resources."

Don, formerly Construction Engineer with Power Department in the Latrobe Valley, had his own thoughts about the task ahead.

"I'm very pleased at the prospect of moving into the position."

"Since 1957 I have been a customer of the department — first as a supervisor at Yallourn power station, later as a maintenance engineer, and even more recently when I was with Construction."

"Thus, I have some understanding of the importance of the department, and of the contribution it makes

to our role of generating power in the Valley."

Don said it was gratifying to re-establish contact with old colleagues.

"I've been picking up threads and renewing a lot of old acquaintances."

In looking to future prospects, Don emphasised the importance of Engineering Services Department.

"It's very clear to me that with the growth of the Commission's operations in the Valley, Engineering Services is going to face a lot of demands. We must work as a team while bearing in mind that every individual in the Department has an important contribution to make, irrespective of classification."

"With 1900 people, it is a big department, and our success in doing our job depends on our greatest asset — people."

Don said he would continue the efforts made by Ray Greenwood in reducing the number of safety incidents in the department.

"I see safe working practices and occupational health programs as extremely important matters, warranting the active attention of all," he said.

## New engineer scoops the pool

You could say that Ron Potter, Engineer, Civil Services, is a bit of a bright spark (howls of derisive laughter).

But he really is, and it has nothing to do with him recently joining the Commission.

Ron last year graduated top of an engineering class of 25 from the Ballarat College of Advanced Education.

The four years' study for his degree culminated last year with him being awarded the A.E. Stohr Medal. The medal is awarded annually, and usually to a fourth year student for "... outstanding performance in the final year." It was only the fourth year it has been awarded.

Ron (pictured left with his award) said it came as a bit of a surprise.

"I didn't realise I was even in the running for it," he said. "I got a real shock."

Ron's ability to surprise himself goes back to before he began his degree.

He initially had decided to quit school in 4th form and go to work on his father's property. However, he was persuaded otherwise, and began studies at the Maryborough Technical College, where he undertook a Tertiary Orientation Program, which parallels the Higher School Certificate.

Having completed the course and receiving exceptionally high marks "due to a hell of a lot of hard study", Ron was awarded an initial \$4000 scholarship under the Dafydd-Lewis Trust Fund.

Subject to satisfactory performance, the award was made available in the subsequent three years, and Ron qualified each year.

"It was a long shot when I applied for it", Ron said. He topped his class in second and third year as well.

Ron started applying for jobs well before the end of last year, and after two interviews was offered a position with the Commission.



# Liniment, laughs & lunchtime lopers

Smells of liniment as 18 track-suited, Adidas-footed bodies mingle with an air of nervous anticipation.

It's not, as you might expect, the Collingwood change room or that of any other football club.

No, it's the foyer of the Yallourn power station administration building at 12.30 p.m., five minutes before the hardy souls brave the chill Wednesday afternoon air to compete in the power station two mile fun-run.

Shortly before 1.35 p.m., the group lines up for the obligatory photos, and once completed, they're off.

The three eventual major place-getters, Mike Woodruff, Colin Nash and David Lloyd, flash to the front, obviously taking the whole event seriously.

As the runners head off along Eastern Road, the group begins to spread out with the big three opening up a convincing lead. Next, a group of about nine, heading the final stragglers, among whom are two girls (who will remain nameless) who have to wait while a coal train crosses the road. No complaints are heard about the delay.

The race turns back at the traffic lights, and 11 minutes 3.4 seconds later, Mike Woodruff crosses the finish line, followed by Colin Nash, a mere 4.4 seconds behind him.

David Lloyd runs a creditable third.

The next seven placegetters are a little hard to sort out as John Kimberly, Alan Sawyer, Billy Rilen, Dave Sincock, Martin Borg, Sandy Mintiplay and Alan McPherson cross the finish holding hands in an extended line.

A special "mystery prize" is in the offing for the runner who completes



*Winner of the inaugural Yallourn power station fun run Mike Woodruff crosses the line clocked by official timer Neil Richards.*

the race closest to 15 minutes. It had originally been a 13 minute spot, but as the 13th minute clicked up on the digital stop watch, no-one was in sight.

Tony Barker breasts the imaginary tape in 14 minutes 55 seconds to collect the prize.

Back in the foyer, Yallourn power station Acting Superintendent, Col Harvey assisted by Commercial Officer Neil Richards present the prizes.

Mike Woodruff receives a digital clock, Colin Nash, a wallet, and David Lloyd a set of six beer mugs. The mystery prize is an overnight bag.

Col compliments the runners, saying it is a first for Yallourn power station.

"It was quite an exciting event," he says. "It combined a fitness exercise, with a bit of togetherness."

In expressing his delight at seeing some of the girls competing, Col says it must have posed the question for some of the male runners whether to catch up to the girls and enjoy the conversation, or stay behind and enjoy the view!

At 1 p.m., the whole show is over, but everyone agrees it was a most enjoyable 25 minutes.

Plans are now afoot for the next "lunchtime lope".



*Above: And they're racing! Colin Nash, the eventual second place-getter, leads the pack as the fun run gets under way from the power station car park.*

*Left: Mike Woodruff, David Lloyd and Colin Nash with their hard-earned trophies.*

*Right: Made it! Loretta Carabott and Sue Lobb lunge across the line and head for a well-deserved rest.*







## Lake Narracan "strike force" bridges the gap

Visitors to Lake Narracan last month could have been excused for thinking the Yallourn power stations were under attack by a sea-faring strike force.

In fact, it was just the 7th Field Engineer Regiment of the Army Reserve brushing up its water act.

The regiment, comprising the 8th and 10th Field Squadron based in Ringwood and the 38th Field Squadron based in Yallourn spent a week of their initial employment training undergoing watermanship training.

The complement of 122 men, under the leadership of Captain Gary Campbell from Melbourne, and Captain Bob Scorse (2 IC) an electrical operations officer with Transmission Operations at Yallourn, undertook operations involving the construction and use of various floating bridges and rafts.

Assault crafts, powered by 40hp motors assisted in the exercises.

Part of the exercise involved construction of a foot bridge from the bank across to a small headland using aluminium pontoons joined by other aluminium sections.

A similar footbridge was built across the Yarra River, taking only five minutes to complete.

The class 12 raft, capable of supporting an armored personnel carrier, was the star of the exercise. Powered by four motors, one at each corner of the almost square structure, the raft was assembled and operated in a combined effort on the lake, accompanied by nearby safety vessels.



*Top: Part of the "invading" force makes its way across Lake Narracan.*

*Above: Sapper Geoff Tischer (Yallourn open cut operations), Sapper Joe Perez (MBPI), Sapper Nigel Daniels (Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station) and Sapper Geoff Budge (Yallourn power station) preparing to set sail on part of the temporary Lake Narracan bridge.*

## Walk talley tops target

With some money still to be collected, this year's Latrobe Valley/Gippsland Community Aid Abroad Walk Against Want tally has already exceeded the \$4000 aim.

One of the organisers Robin Tiplady, a Commission engineer at Loy Yang, said the 160 walkers who took part and the sponsors who supported them should be congratulated.

The walk, held on Sunday April 12, covered 25 kms, divided into a morning and afternoon section, in the north shore area of Lake Narracan. Both sections of the walk began and ended from the Woorabinda School Camp where a light lunch was served.

This year funds from Walk Against Want, which was held throughout Australia, will go towards purchasing a ship for people on the Island of Tanna and will aid refugees in Northern Eritrea, Africa.

*Robin Tiplady is pictured (below, centre) with fellow walkers Debbie Crowe, Mardi Symons, Paul James, and Doug and Diane Johnson.*





## New computer system at W station

A Hewlett-Packard HP1000 computer system is currently in use at Yallourn W power station.

On loan from the systems section administration in Morwell, it is being used to process information on magnetic data logger tapes from W's Stage 2, units 3 and 4.

Tapes containing variables from the data logger will be examined by the computer, and relevant information will be extracted and stored in a convenient form.

A team of four engineers are writing a Fortran-language program which will reduce vast quantities of measurements to significant figures.

Future works may include roster scheduling for operations staff, maintenance scheduling, and reliability and operational research studies.

Once the programs are complete, Yallourn W Power Station Technical Services personnel will be trained to examine the stored information to aid the monitoring of actual plant condition and performance.

The HP1000 system consists of:  
Central Processing Unit (CPU) — used to perform computation and control overall system operation.

Computer Memory — used to store the operating system, programs and data.

Disc Drive Unit — a mass storage device to store quantities of data which can be retrieved at high speed.

Magnetic Tape Drive — also a mass storage device, but slower and cheaper than the disc drive unit.

Video Display Unit (VDU) — a device which allows an operator to communicate with the computer system.

Line Printer — a device for printing information on paper for subsequent inspection.

The HP1000 system is expected to be at Yallourn W power station for at least a year.



*Dick Donchi gets a few pointers from his old high jump coach Jack Hinshelwood.*

## Veteran springs back with State gold medal

For a man who gave up competition high-jumping 20 years ago, Dick Donchi (Mechanical Maintenance, Morwell Briquette and Power) is striving for new heights as a veteran competitor.

At the recently contested Victorian championships, Dick cleared 165 cms (5'5") to take home the gold medal.

Dick used to compete with the Preston Athletic Club along with Colin Wridgeway, the first Australian to clear 213 cms (seven feet).

Dick was mostly self-taught, but received some training from Commission photographer, Jack Hinshelwood, himself an accomplished jumper. Dick went on to clear over two metres using the time-honored "scissors style".

"I used to use a mattress, they had no pits in those days, and the main part of my jump was to land on the mattress," Dick recalls.

However, Dick's promising future came to an end with a bump when he injured himself.

"I was training for the decathlon, and if I had've kept at it I would've got an Australian rating. But jumping at Warragul one day, I broke my ankle, and that finished that — I missed the pit."

Dick's interest returned when his daughters became involved in athletics in 1978.

He began training for the veteran's athletic competitions, and over the three years has progressed from bronze medal to gold in the "B" division (44-49 years of age).

Last year, he won the high jump in the Australian championships with a jump of 165 cms.

From Easter 1980 until the Victorian championships this year, Dick had no competition jumps, and only six practice jumps.

Dick has no plans for the Australian championships being held in Brisbane this year, since he feels that for the one event the trip isn't really worth it.

Trouble with the old ankle injury, and a more recent heel problem, has kept Dick from attempting other track and field events. However, he doesn't rule out that future possibility.

With the world record standing at 1.83 metres, Dick feels it's worth his while to get in a bit of serious training.

As he says, "It's all a matter of confidence."



## Technical mission takes Ian to Sweden

How often do you get an all expenses paid week's holiday in Sweden.

If your like most of us, the answer will be a resounding "NEVER".

However, the next time the question is asked, Assistant Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations, Ian McDonald, will be able to answer "I did once".

The Commission was invited by the Swedish Ministry of Trade to nominate two senior engineering staff to attend a technical mission in Sweden next

month to inspect the Swedish industrial manufacturing plant of ASEA Vasteras.

Ivan Millar, System Performance and Controls Engineer, will accompany Ian.

The company specialises in equipment designed for power transmission and distribution, and will be attended by other engineers from throughout Australia from both power supply authorities and industrial mining companies.



The tightly programmed schedule will cover such aspects of development and transmission as "Gas Insulated Switchgear", "Trends in Digital

Systems", and will include a tour of a nuclear power station.

Time will be set aside after the week's official program for discussions involving more specific technical details.

The technical mission occurs roughly every five years, the last one being in 1976 when Bob Stainforth (Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations) and Alan Campaign, (Technical Services Engineer, Transmission Development Department) attended.

The Commission already utilises quite a large amount of ASEA equipment, not the least being 220Kv switchgear at the Yallourn switchyard.

"It's a first up and I'm really looking forward to it," Ian said.

Following his stay in Sweden, Ian and his wife are heading through Europe to England for a few weeks holiday.

## Turning the clock back to teach the teacher

It was a case of pupil showing teacher a few things for Rudolf Beilharz when one of his ex-teachers visited the Commission's Valley works areas.

Rudolf, Transmission Operations administrative officer, had the pleasure of assisting Miss Louise Dreher when the sprightly 80 year-old toured Morwell and Loy Yang installations. They are pictured (right) overlooking Morwell open cut.

Miss Dreher taught Rudolf from 1933 to mid 1936 when he attended school at Wilhelma, a German settlement of 250 people near Lud Airport in Palestine.

The two were reunited briefly when Rudolf first migrated to Australia in 1955 with his wife and two young children and met again about a year ago at a class reunion held in Boronia. All except one past pupil – who was holidaying overseas – attended the successful reunion at which Rudolf extended the invitation for his teacher to visit the Valley.

Miss Dreher came to Australia in 1948 when the State of Israel was declared and lived for a time with her sister in Boronia before settling in Bayswater.

Her ex-pupils also included Rudolf's younger brother Herbert who is a driver with Coal Production.

*Below: A very young Rudolf is pictured far right enjoying a class picnic with other schoolmates.*



# A look at how life used to be

1981 may be the year of the space shuttle, but 58 years ago some ingenious Yallourn people managed to successfully preserve time in a cylinder made from galvanised iron.

The time capsule — surely one of Victoria's first — was accidentally discovered by Commission workers on April Fool's Day when they were assisting with the removal of the foundation stones from St. John's Anglican Church, Yallourn.

The mysterious cylinder was found beneath the stone and foreman brick-layer John Kingsley passed it on to Col Harvey, Assistant Power Station Superintendent at Yallourn.

Col said members of the Yallourn Historical Society officially opened the capsule following the service at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Newborough, on Palm Sunday. Remarkably, all the enclosed documents were well preserved, although the outside of the cylinder had started to corrode.

A church notice in the time capsule disclosed it had been laid at a picnic afternoon at Yallourn on Saturday, February 3, 1923, at 3 pm by the then Bishop of Gippsland, Dr. Cranswick.

Another church notice advertised the Men Only lantern lecture being given that evening in the No. 1 mess room, Western Camp, (now the



*Rev. Blair Grace of St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Newborough, pictured with the contents of the time capsule.*

site of Yallourn W), on "A National Peril" — something for we moderns to ponder over. The lecture was given by ex Staff Sgt. A. Cox of Med Corps (any clues?).

The souvenir program also contained photos and facts on Yallourn stating that "even one square mile (of the brown coal reserves) will provide every conceivable need for electricity in Victoria for the next 150 years."

Some hand written notes by the parish minister Rev. P. H. Dicker, gave a history of the parish and disclosure of the time capsule and foundation stone for the church which was the first public building in Yallourn.

After being placed on microfilm, all historical items will be returned to a new vacuum-sealed time capsule and embedded at St. Aidan's Church.

The foundation stones from St. John's Church and Sunday School probably will be placed in a special memorial garden wall in the Newborough Church grounds.

## LV Energy Savings Group formed

A new Commission Latrobe Valley group is preparing to make an all-out effort to save energy.

The Operations Group of departments uses vast amounts of electricity and to evaluate just what that energy use is, the Latrobe Valley Energy Savings Group has been formed.

Group members are Harry Liefman (Area Administration), Jim Knowles (Coal Production), Neville Smith (Engineering Services), Neil Fitzclarence (Power Generation) and Keith Griffiths (Transmission Operations).

The group aims to make employees more aware of efficient energy use.

It plans to evaluate energy usage in order to develop practices which

will lead to conservation of resources and reduced costs.

With the assistance of section representatives it will conduct energy surveys in selected locations of each department.

Survey findings will be reported back to the departments.

The Commission is firmly committed to the promotion of efficient energy use. It has been involved in a number of activities, including the establishment of the Energy Utilisation Centre in Melbourne to help industry develop more efficient methods of using energy.

Energy Savings Group spokesman Harry Liefman said that while it was hoped that the group's work would lead to major energy savings through-

out Latrobe Valley works areas, further significant savings could be achieved by all employees becoming more energy conscious.

"What we are really talking about is individual responsibility in energy saving. How many lights, heaters or fans can you see that are operating needlessly? Are there any compressed air or water leaks in your area that should be reported and fixed?"

"We hope that good energy usage habits developed on the job will be used at home as well."

The Energy Savings Group will publicise its activities through lectures, posters and stories in house magazines. The group is also hoping energy saving suggestions will be submitted through the suggestion scheme.

# SERVICE REGISTER

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

Henry Winkler	25 YEARS	Transmission Operations	Karol Karpinski	Yallourn W Power Station
Rod Doig		Personnel	Tony Micallef	Yallourn Power Station
Jack Vanschaik		Management Services	Ron Williamson	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Karl Krautschneider		Yallourn Open Cut	Stan Ryan	Yallourn Open Cut
John Grant		Civil Services	Radosav Djordjevic	Yallourn Open Cut
Bill Quinton		Central Workshops Yallourn	Dragoljub Petrovic	Yallourn Open Cut
Eric Gorman		Transmission, Yallourn	Zapisir Giovanof	Yallourn Open Cut
Vlad Burgar		Stations, Yallourn	Jan Wojciow	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Pat Forrestal	30 YEARS	Morwell Briquette and Power	Bill Shaw	32 YEARS
Emanuel Deguara		Morwell Open Cut	John Insley	Yallourn Power Station
Clem Rodgers		Hazelwood Power Station	Ivan Kowal	Central Workshops, Yallourn
John Lovison		Yallourn Open Cut	Wasył Melyak	Yallourn Power Station
Denis Coffey		Yallourn Open Cut	Paul Carabott	Yallourn Power Station
Louis Vizkelety		Yallourn W Power Station	Tom Grant	Yallourn W Power Station
Don McTaggart	31 YEARS	Morwell Briquette and Power	Charles McIntyre	Morwell Briquette and Power
Alvin Boyes		Transmission Operations		Transmission Operations
Charles Spencer		Secretarial	Harry James	33 YEARS
Ben Sutcliffe		Yallourn W Power Station	John Grima	Yallourn W Power Station
Paul Suda		Forestry, Yallourn	Ernest Rawiller	Yallourn Open Cut
Henry Opalinski		Yallourn Power Station	Jim Helms	37 YEARS
Czeskew Nikodemski		Yallourn Open Cut		Mechanical Services
Marian Tmarlera		Hazelwood Power Station	Gordon Wilson	41 YEARS
Alf Rogowski		Central Workshops, Yallourn	Rex Cooper	Mechanical Services
Jan Paszkiewicz		Yallourn Power Station	Allen Douglas	42 YEARS
Joe Prokopiwskyi		Central Workshops, Yallourn		Yallourn Power Station
Mychajlo Pawliw		Yallourn Open Cut		44 YEARS
Ed McBride		Central Workshops, Yallourn		Morwell Briquette and Power
				45 YEARS
				Yallourn Open Cut

## Ash pond contract under way

Morwell engineering firm, J. Jeffrey and Sons Pty. Ltd. has won the contracts for raising the embankments of Morwell No. 3A ash pond and the enlargement of A and B briquette storage areas.

By raising the embankments, the ash pond's life for the disposal of emergency ashing and washdown wastes has been increased by about eight years.

The enlargement of the briquette storage area is the first stage in increasing the capacity to cater for

future demands to be made by the Loy Yang power station.

This contract calls for the excavation of 27 000 cubic metres of material to the north of the present storage to make it level with the surrounding area providing a further 6,500 square metres of storage area.

Scheduled for completion by mid June, the contract has so far progressed to the removal of sub-standard top soil from the storage area. This has exposed the layer of clay which

will be used to raise the embankments of the ash pond by 2.5 metres.

Jeffreys currently have 12 men working on the project.

The contract is unusual in that the raising of the embankments for the ash pond must be done while the pond is still operating — receiving waste materials.

This calls for modifications of technique to allow the operation to be carried out on the wet ash. The approach involves forcing clay down into the wet ash to provide a solid base.

# retirements



## ARTHUR LEE

Morwell Briquetting and Power Superintendent Cyril Morellato presented Arthur Lee with a wallet of notes at an informal retirement function.

Arthur was retiring from the position of fireman at Morwell power station, a position he had occupied for 16 years. Arthur had served with the Commission for 20 years.

Arthur intends to retire to Traralgon where he will find time to concentrate on his fishing and gardening.



## BRUNO OZCA

A function was held at Yallourn hotel to mark Bruno Ozca's retirement from the Commission after 22 years' service.

Bruno joined as a laborer in 1959, and progressed to operator grade 1 in 1966. He occupied that position until he retired.

Bruno was presented with a wallet of notes by his workmates. Gardening around the house will keep Bruno occupied in retirement.



## JOHN FARRUGIA

John Farrugia was preparing for a trip home to Malta when he retired early in March.

John joined the Commission 40 years ago as a laborer and proceeded to the position of "A" grade linesman in 1955, where he remained until his retirement.

John was presented with an envelope of notes at a function on April 3.

Gardening, bowling, and a spot of horse-racing will keep John occupied when he returns from his overseas trip.



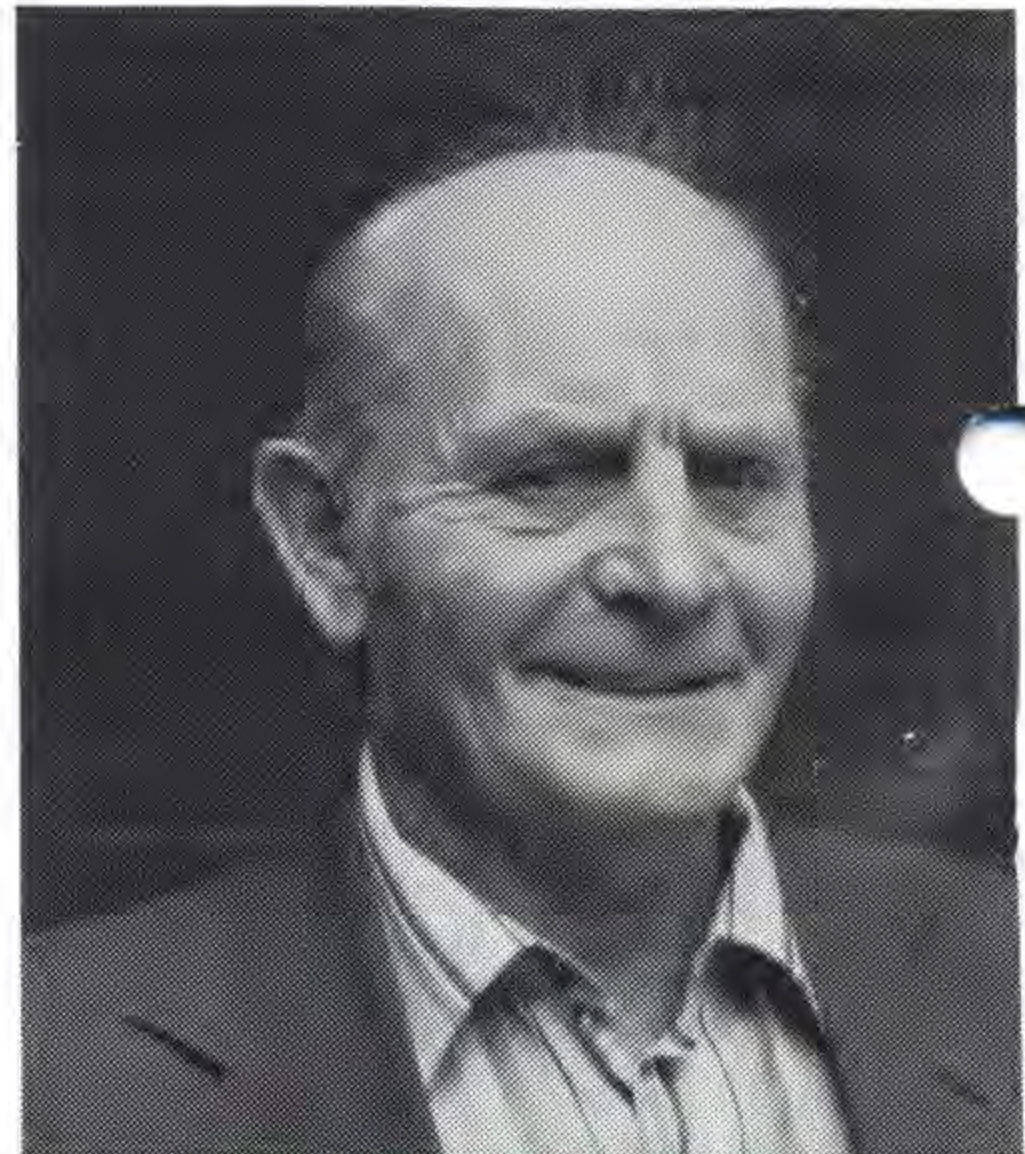
## JOHN HEWLING

John Hewling was presented with a wallet of notes at his retirement after 21 years service.

Briquette and Power Superintendent, Cyril Morellato made the presentation.

John, who was an electrical plant attendant will remain in the area following his retirement, and with most of his family living locally, he will find plenty to keep him occupied.

John also does a spot of fishing.



## CHARLIE KITNEY

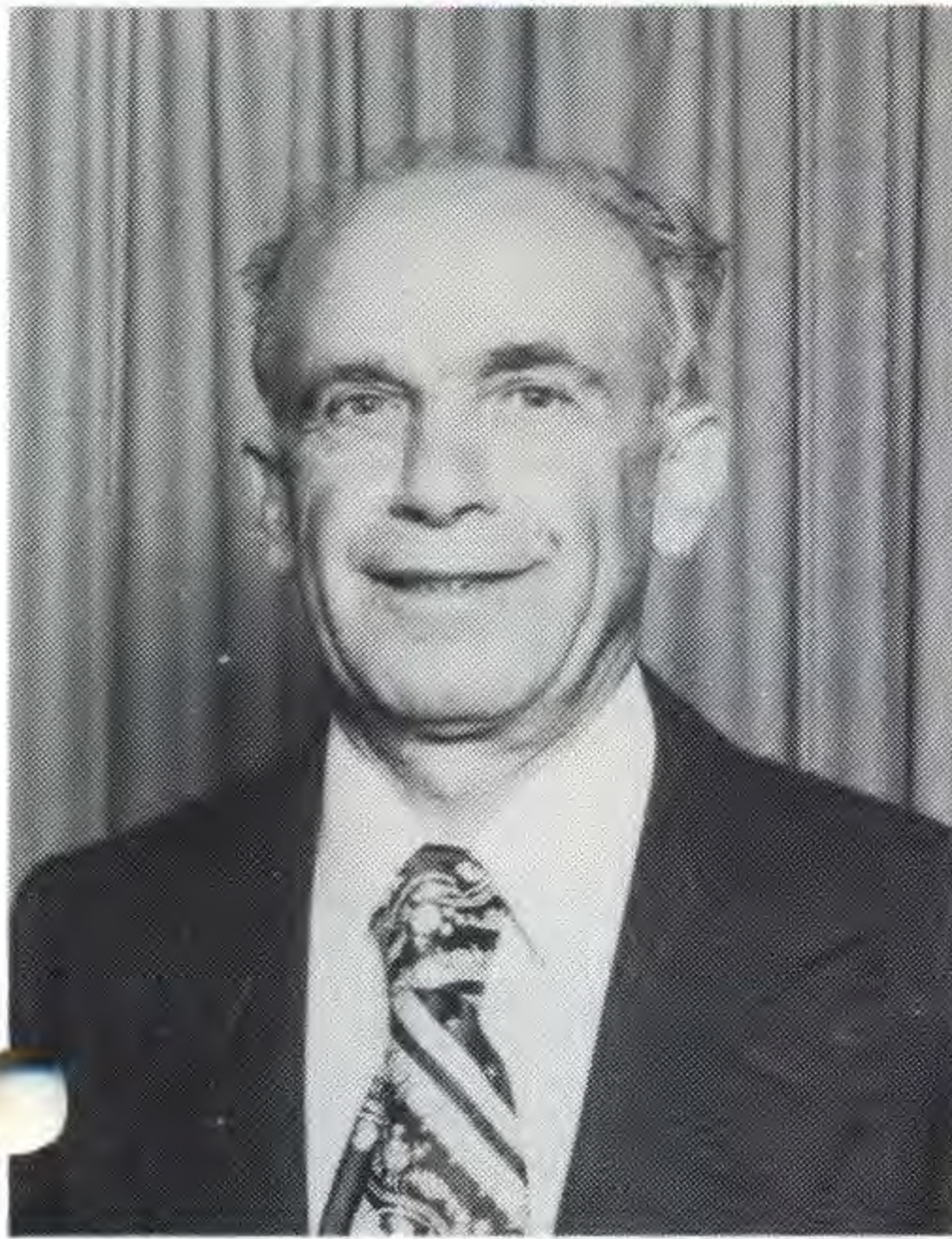
Charlie Kitney was looking forward to completing work on his house at Cape Patterson following his retirement.

A send-off by workmates was held at the Yallourn Hotel where he was presented with a wallet of notes.

Charlie is also looking forward to some fishing.

Charlie, who joined the Commission as a laborer 40 years ago, spent his last 15 years as a welder special class.

# retirements



## PHILLIP DIMARIA

Even though Phillip DiMaria's send-off function was held on Friday 13th of March, only good wishes and wallet of notes came his way to mark his retirement from the Commission after 25 years.

Phillip joined in 1956 as a laborer, became a cleaner in 1958, and finally became a trades assistant Yallourn power station, where he remained until his retirement.

Phillip will be remembered by his workmates for the fresh vegetables he used to bring them, and his gardening will now occupy a considerable amount of his time.

He is also taking a trip overseas.



## MICK UDOWENKO

Mick Udowenko is looking forward to his move to Budgewoi following his retirement from the Commission.

A coal production electrical trades assistant, Mick joined the Commission in 1950 as a laborer in Yallourn open cut.

He occupied his position as an electrical T/A for the last 17 years.

Mick was farewelled by his mates at a function where he was presented with fishing equipment by electrical superintendent, Paul Pearson.



## TED SUMMERTON

"Mr. Football", Ted Summerton, retired on April 24 after 42½ years service.

Ted joined the Commission in 1938 as a laborer with Coal Transport, and was senior foreman (cleaners) at Yallourn power station when he retired.

A former Mayor of Moe, Ted is still an active member of the City Council.

He was presented with a Trehwella jack by his workmates at a function held in the C station canteen.

Ted and his wife plan to holiday in Perth and follow up with a cruise. When they return, Ted will concentrate on his cattle as well as his various community commitments.

## Loy Yang open draws crowd

More than 3000 people braved cold and wet conditions to inspect the Loy Yang power project on Sunday, May 10.

The third annual Loy Yang public open day gave people a chance to see how the \$3 billion project has progressed.

Free guided bus tours took people from the Traralgon showgrounds to the project site, south of Traralgon, where they were shown the coal dredger, power station and raw coal bunker construction sites, as well as the start of the Loy Yang open cut.

People came from all parts of Gippsland as well as some from the metropolitan area for the open day. Visitors to the area from interstate also took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the project.

A display centre in the Traralgon Football Club social club rooms provided information of the Loy Yang project as well as other Commission activities in the region.

## Work change study program

An Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission program starting in Latrobe Valley towns next month will examine the changing patterns of work life.

Industrial Chaplain Charles Dodd said the program was designed to develop an understanding of the changing patterns of employment and work, and its effects on people's lifestyles.

The program, which is open to all Latrobe Valley people, involves a series of study groups which will meet five times over a period of two months, beginning on June 22.

Further information on the program is available from the Industrial Chaplains, telephone extension 3754. Program registration forms are available from the inquiries counter at the personnel office in wing one of the Morwell administration building.

## FOR SALE

1970 Toyota Corona excellent condition, tyres almost new and 12 months registration. Ideal second car. \$1600 ONO. Contact Frank Fletcher work 71 0410 or AH (051) 69 6422.

# Sandy runner-up in top bowls clash



"Sandy" Caines

Congratulations are due to "Sandy" Caines (survey draftsman, Yallourn) who was runner-up in the Bendigo Building Society Lightning Bowls Championship in Bendigo last month.

The championship, contested by eight players, was held on an "invitation only" basis, consisting of players in the channel 8 television network viewing area.

The eventual winner, John Snell, an Australian representative in the world championships held in Frank-

ston last year, was the only "out of area" contestant.

Players were organised into two groups of four, where they each played the other three members of the group.

The winners of each group then played off.

"I was quite pleased with the result. There was no shame in coming second," Sandy said.

With the final score at 21-19, there was almost no second place at all.

## Alan makes his mark among the tall timber

"Big oaks from little acorns grow", or so the saying goes.

What started out as a small SEC volleyball interest, has resulted in five teams being fielded in the local Morwell/Moe volleyball competition.

President of the Latrobe Valley Volleyball Association, Alan Scott (Transmission Services) must take some credit for getting the acorn out of the ground.

"It all started off about three years ago," Alan said.

"I was taking my daughter to volleyball, and I thought I may as well play."

At that time, Alan was with the field test group, and so he put up a notice which attracted enough attention to form a team, "The Tarpurus" (an obscure word from a New Guinea dialect).

From these humble beginnings, five teams have been fielded, comprising more than 30 players.

However, not all are Commission employees.

Last year, Alan was coaching the only all Commission women's team, the Alcy Calcs, but has since given it away – his own playing and the demands of his committee office were taking up enough time.

Alan's team, Tapurus Two, are undefeated so far this season in the third division.



*The Mid-Gippsland Bowls Association champion of champion fours played at Drouin recently, was taken off by a Commission dominated Yallourn team.*

*Stan Findlay (green keeper, Yallourn Bowling Club), Don Armstrong (shift fitter, Hazelwood), Jim Stenhouse (plumber, Civil Works, Yallourn) and Len Sidebotham (fireman, W station), (Pictured above left to right) played a precise game to ensure a comfortable win.*

## TESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS TAKE TRANS OPS GOLF TITLE

Sunday May 3, saw the sixth annual Transmission Operations golf day held at Yallourn.

With 100 people all told in attendance, 61 starters, and a weather-perfect day, the afternoon's program was a great success.

Four guests from Monash House were present – Bill Goble, (production co-ordination department), and Mrs Goble, Arthur Lewis (transmission operations), and Stan Moore (supply, policy and development).

Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ian McDonald presented trophies to the winners.

Teams event winner was Test and Communications number one

team, (T. Knight, H. Bright, J. Richardson, and G. McPhee) with 117 points.

Runners up with 115 points was the Area Lines team of G. Cawley, R. McGregor, A. Waddington and R. Staley.

Best individual performers:  
Men's A grade; J. Richardson (43 points), I. McDonald (42 points).

Men's B grade; R. McGregor (41 points), G. Barber (39 points), S. Agius (39 points).

Women: Mrs. E. Farmer (36 points), Mrs. M. Brogan (34 points).

Best Nine: (Men) I. McDonald (24 points), (Women) Mrs. S. Harvey (17 points).

Straightest drive: W. Casey.