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APPRENTICES SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE

The signing of indentures by first year apprentices at Yallourn Training Centre is becoming more of a family affair each year.

For many of the parents of apprentices in the group who "signed on the dotted line" late last month, it was very much a case of *deja vu*.



Many of the parents are or have been Commission employees and many have other children who are apprentices.

There was a strong response this year to the invitation to parents to attend the open days and indenture signing.

Indenture signing took place over three days in the various trades' training areas.

The open days are designed to give parents of new apprentices an opportunity to speak with apprentice training supervisors and to see the types of training programs being undertaken.

Technical Training Officer Boyd Thompson welcomed each group and outlined the terms of the apprentice contract and the training program to be undertaken.

This year's apprentice intake included youngsters from all areas of the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland.

More than 180 apprentices signed indentures over the three days.

Left: Everyone in the Johnston family looks pleased as Neil signs his indenture papers with apprentice training overseer Alan Walker looking on. Neil has begun his apprenticeship in boilermaking.

New Monash House courier service

A daily passenger courier service between Monash House and the Latrobe Valley has begun operation on a trial basis.

An express service to Loy Yang leaves Monash House at 7 am and a regular service leaves at 7.30 am.

The Loy Yang express vehicle — a nine seater Falcon — is the only one of its kind in Melbourne.

It will travel along the Princes Highway, picking up passengers at

Garry and Warren Smith's car sales, Broadway, and the Dandenong town hall, arriving at Loy Yang at 9.30 and leaving on the return journey at 4.30 pm.

The regular service will pick up at Oakleigh and deliver passengers to Yallourn W administration followed by Yallourn power station administration and finally Morwell administration buildings. The return trip will start from Morwell administration

at 4 pm, with pick-ups at Yallourn W and Yallourn.

The courier service will be available to take Latrobe Valley works area personnel to Melbourne on the return trip, and will also provide a mail delivery service both ways.

Bookings for the service can be made through Ken Johns on Monash House extension 3632.

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The calm before the competition. Yachts prepare for the day's events at the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club Sauna Sail on Hazelwood pondage this month. More than 400 yachtsmen from all over Australia took part in the Sauna Sail, the biggest off-the-beach boat regatta in the Southern Hemisphere.

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Kirk and Darryl shine

Commission employees have taken out two of this year's Yallourn College of Technical and Further Education outstanding student awards.

Kirk Kulbe (left), a trainee survey draftsman at Hazelwood, was named the outstanding first year certificate of technology student.

Kirk, 18, from Hazelwood North, spent last year as a full-time student completing the first half of the study program. Ahead of him lies a minimum three years of part-time study.

The second award went to 21-year-old Darryl Vittorio, of Hill End, who was named the outstanding middle level student at Yallourn College last year.

Darryl, who works with tests and communications at Yallourn, obtained his electrical power certificate after a four year course — three years of which involved part-time study.

The college awarded five outstanding student awards.

Other Commission employees to gain awards were:

Motor mechanic — V.A.C.C. awards: First year, Paul Medd.

Building studies: First year, Kevin Whelan.

Electrical studies: First year, Joseph Farrugia; second year, Ian Harris.

Electrical mechanic: Third year, Christopher Lewis.

Electrical fitting and armature winding: Third year, Michael Greenough.

Fitting and machining: First year, Adam Nienkemper; second year, Ricky Talbot; third year, John Geremia.

Metal fabrication: First year, Greg Farthing.

Painting and decorating: First year, Wendy Margetts; second year, Bruce Walsh; third year, Trevor Hough.

Department of Labour and Industry: Crane driving, John Janiw; rigging, Alan Gibson.

COMMISSION'S SEARCH FOR HISTORY

The Commission has joined a statewide search for memorabilia for a display to mark Victoria's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Theme for the sesqui-centenary celebrations planned for 1984-85 is "Growing Together".

A co-ordinating committee set up to investigate the availability of historic material has asked organisations throughout the State to contribute.

The Commission search will concentrate on old equipment associated with the development of brown coal winning and power generation in the Latrobe Valley.

A 1924 vintage steam pump from Yallourn is likely to be one Commission contribution to the display.

Commission public liaison officer Alec Wood, who is co-ordinating the search in the Valley, has a head start on most people — he is the proud owner of a pre-SEC mercury electricity meter for direct current supply.

If you believe you have material that could be of interest, contact Alec on 35 3244.

Know your Fund

Retirement and its associated entitlements and benefits are subjects of great interest to many Commission employees.

To ensure people have access to appropriate information, the Commission makes available counsellors.

"Know Your Fund" is designed to complement that counselling service.

Each month this column will provide answers to the most often asked retirement questions.

Employees in the Latrobe Valley who require more detailed information or who have questions about specific situations should contact Rod Doig on 3663.

Must all my recreation and long service leave be taken before I retire?

No. Recreation leave and long service leave balances can be taken as lump sum payments when you retire. However, sometimes the use of leave as leave instead of a lump sum can be useful to extend your Fund service, if this is considered appropriate.

In all retirement matters, including selection of the most appropriate retirement date, a discussion with a retirement counsellor can help in meeting your individual needs.

What tax would be paid on leave taken as a lump sum payment?

Recreation leave is taxed at the rate of 32 cents for each dollar, as is long service leave that has accrued after August 15, 1978. Long service leave accrued before that date is subject to taxation assessment on only 5% of the lump sum payment.

Do I have to wait for a period equivalent to my accrued recreation leave and long service leave before being eligible for a Social Security Pension?

No. Providing you are eligible on the grounds of age and have applied for a pension, you would be entitled to that age pension as soon as you retire.

An income test governs the amount of pension you will receive. Your capital is not assessed but any income that your capital earns will be taken into account in the income test.

A new booklet for wages employees, "Know Your Retirement and Benefit Fund", will be distributed soon. If you don't receive a copy, contact your administration officer.

New Minister visits works areas



Cold, wet and windy conditions didn't stop new Minerals and Energy Minister David White getting down to the heart of Commission operations during his first "ministerial" visit to Latrobe Valley works areas.

Donning wet weather gear and gumboots, the Minister and his party tramped through mud and sludge to get onto an operating dredger in Yallourn open cut.

Accompanied by Assistant General Manager (Operations) Clem Joyce and Operations Group senior management, Mr. White made a detailed inspection of the open cut and Yallourn W power station.

In the W stage two control room Mr. White "took the controls" of the two new 375 MW generating units.

After a briefing with senior Commission officers, Mr. White's tour concluded at the Yallourn Central Workshops canteen where he sat down with workshops employees to enjoy a meal supplied through the new cook/chill catering system.

Throughout the tour of the works areas, Mr. White made every effort to talk with as many employees as possible.

Above: With the Minister during his visit to Yallourn Central Workshops are Russell Moore, 3rd year fitter and turner apprentice, Gippsland MLC-elect Barry Murphy and Glen Roberts, a 4th year apprentice fitter and turner.



Left: AGM (Ops.) Clem Joyce, Mr. White, Gippsland MLC-elect Barry Murphy and Member for Morwell Val Callister make their way through the heavy going in Yallourn open cut.

Army reserve exercise goes off with a bang

Twenty-five Commission personnel were among a total of 110 army reserve members who took part in a 10 day jaunt on a full blown exercise to the N.S.W. border.

The 4/19 Prince of Wales's Light Horse A squadron took part in a tactical mobile advance — withdrawal — advance exercise against the Musorians, a regular army reconnaissance troop.

With Lieutenant Ron Brooks (Secretarial) as 2I/C, the convoy of landrovers and trucks left Sale and



Above: Trooper Troy McDonald (trainee rigger at Morwell Central Workshops) keeps a sharp eye out with the 30 calibre machine gun on a landrover during the recent reserve exercise.



AREA ADMINISTRATION

Dean's seen minks, magic and mugging

New Commission commercial trainee, Dean Williams has, as the saying goes, returned to the roost.

After nine years of almost frantic overseas activity, you couldn't blame him.

Dean, from the Yallourn training centre, left his home at Anglesea near Geelong when he was 17 and immediately headed for Hawaii to attend the state university. He had enrolled and been accepted at the university while still in Australia.

While studying for his Bachelor of Arts, majoring in public administration and political science, he became actively involved in student politics.

Eventually he was elected president of the student political body, the first Australian ever to head an American student body.

University also gave Dean a chance to pursue his interest in entertainment.

With a strong family background in show-business — he is related to Hector Crawford — Dean set about brushing up his magician's act.

Business boomed and before too long he acquired an agent.

"The demand was enormous — on some occasions I'd get up to \$500 for a half-hour performance," Dean said. "Mind you, there might be a bit of a wait between half-hours like that but they did occur, it just depended on the function I was performing at. I've performed for people like Jack Lord from the "Hawaii Five-O" series, and Connie Stevens."

"However, I think I always regarded it as merely a means to an end — I never wanted to make a full-time career of it."

After finishing his degree, Dean moved to Japan where he taught English for two years and also worked as a Mormon missionary on Hokkaido.

He returned to Hawaii where he married Rosie, a Singaporean, and then moved to Singapore with her where he worked for 12 months as a department manager for a large shopping chain, Duty Free Shoppers, and also as a volunteer worker for the United Nations.

However, the lure of further education prompted Dean to apply for a masters degree in international administration at the Vermont University.



He was accepted and he and his wife drove across the United States, from west to east, working in a number of different jobs, including mink farming, to support themselves.

Dean's Masters course included writing a book on Australian culture, which he did in Utah, commuting across the country on a number of occasions to attend seminars in Vermont.

Life wasn't all travel and good times though — it had a couple of nasty moments. He was mugged in New York City but when his assailants found he had no money in his wallet, they returned it to him.

On another occasion he was in a Hong Kong restaurant when it was held up by two men with sawn-off shotguns. An American patron jumped up, punched one of the would-be robbers and the other one ran for it.

After completing his Masters degree, the call of his home-country was too strong, and along with his wife Rosie and two children Kristal, age two and Marie, three, Dean returned to Victoria.

Dean has been with the Yallourn training centre for six months now and lives in Morwell. He enjoys oil painting and in time could get back to his magic.



Payrolls tell all

Making sure we all get paid is obviously the most important function of the Commission's payrolls unit at Morwell.

But the unit is doing all it can to ensure we know as much as possible about the payroll procedures generally.

Payrolls administrative co-ordinator Tony Barker (right) said the unit provides information sessions for supervisory, commercial and employee groups on a wide range of payrolls matters.

Tony said one of the key areas to be tackled was the provision of

information about the wages payroll to new employees.

He said it would be possible to include a payrolls information session in employee induction programs.

Other areas covered by information sessions are the interpretation of wages dockets (other than normal queries handled by field timekeepers) and advice to foremen on the completion of time sheets.

One of the roles of new field liaison officer Keith Hall (left) will be to conduct the education programs.



COAL PRODUCTION

Three day journey for S92 conveyor

It isn't the kind of load you'd want to move every day, because whichever way you look at it, the S92 conveyor is BIG.

And it took the Commission's largest low loader, combined with a very large Leyland prime mover to transport it from Morwell open cut to Yallourn open cut.

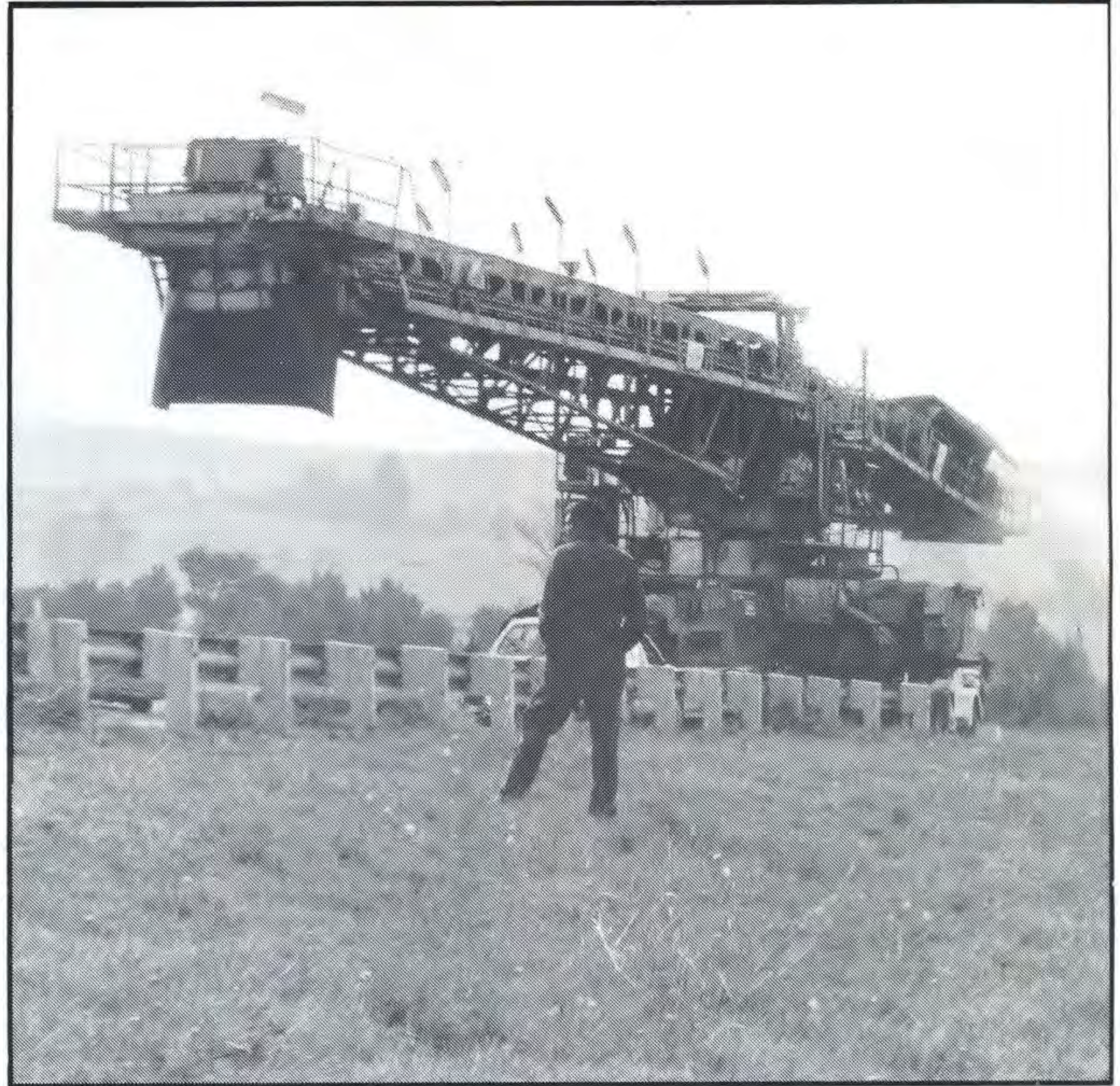
The 92 tonne conveyor was supported on a six-axled, 48-wheeled loader and all told, took three days to make the move. The total load weighed 120 tonnes.

The job of moving it began on a Sunday, and after a few difficulties with soft ground, finally arrived at its destination the following Tuesday.

Once off the Morwell open cut perimeter road the conveyor was moved onto Thorpdale Road, and with the help of police, ESR personnel, and Victorian Railways personnel the journey continued over the bridge at Hernes Oak and finally into the Yallourn open cut near the old Yallourn football oval.

Co-ordinator of the move, Operations Engineer Rod Odlum said it was a massive exercise.

"Things got a bit hectic around the time of our delay on the Sunday," Rob said. "Everyone had



been organised to sort things out like removal of overhead lines and proper safety procedures, and then the schedule had to be changed. As co-ordinator, I had to notify all the authorities involved and re-schedule the timing."

The S92 will be placed behind the ML-1, a mobile hydraulic bucket

wheel loader which is on hire and will load onto the 313 conveyor which is behind number six dredger.

Above: The S92 conveyor making its very slow way across the Hernes Oak overpass near the end of its journey from Morwell to Yallourn open cut.

New pipeline passes half-way mark

Construction of a new pipeline from Witts Gully reservoir to Yallourn open cut has passed the half-way mark.

The pipeline will increase water supply for Yallourn fire services to provide for future development of the open cut.

Contractors McConnell Dowell began work on the eight kilometre pipeline in the first week of March and it is expected to be completed by the end of September. Design work was carried out by Fuel Department.

The bulk of the pipework is 900 mm diameter and each pipe is about 9 metres long but it will branch into pipes of 750 mm and 700 mm in the open cut and power station area.

One of the more interesting

aspects of the contract, which is on schedule, was the installation of a concrete pipe under the Princes Highway.

Coal Production Supervising Engineer, Geoff Holland said the pipe was manoeuvred under the highway without any disruption to traffic.

Using the tried and tested "jacking" method — one worker clearing the way immediately in front of the pipe which is then inched forwards — the highway section was successfully completed in three weeks.

Thirty-four lengths of pipe were needed to get under the road. Once the concrete pipe was installed a steel pipe was passed through.

About 90 per cent of the pipeline from the reservoir through to the

town will be above ground.

The pipeline will branch in two directions when it reaches the works area — the 750 mm pipeline will head into the open cut and will be above ground while the 700 mm pipeline which goes to the power station area will be underground.

The rate of the gravity feed through the pipeline will be 3000 litres a second at peak demand.

Geoff had just completed supervision of the Morwell fire service pipeline upgrading when he was switched to Yallourn.

The Morwell contract, carried out by Kilpatrick-Green, was for a pumping house and pipeline. Work started last April and was completed in February.

Commission supervisor for both pipelaying projects is Frank Ross.



ENGINEERING SERVICES

This group doesn't spare the rod

If there's one organisation that really sticks together it's the Australian Welding Institute.

A national organisation, the Institute boasts four branches in Victoria including a Gippsland branch with a strong Commission membership.

The 50 member branch is chaired by Brian Turvey of the Metallurgy Section, Engineering Services, with acting Morwell Workshops Superintendent David Krohn vice chairman. Yallourn Workshops Superintendent Geoff Fullard is a past chairman.

The branch meets monthly and features lectures, demonstrations and visits to plants where welding plays a major role.

Chairman Brian Turvey said the branch placed a great deal of emphasis on the practical aspect of welding.

"We like to encourage anyone who is in any way connected with the art and science of welding," he said. "This encompasses an enormous number of people directly involved — a broad spectrum from welders, welding supervisors and

engineers to metallurgists.

"We established the Gippsland branch about eight years ago under the chairmanship of George Davis, the then services engineer of Mechanical Division, to further promote welding in all its forms.

"We hold many seminars directly related to welding," Brian said. "Past meetings have included a visit to the Omega site, a flux-cored wire demonstration, Department of Labor and Industry certification discussion and a visit to the Lysaght steel mill."

Brian said future meetings would include a visit to S. Lacey and Sons of Sale, a lecture and demonstration of Pulse M.I.G. welding, and a visit to Australian Paper Manufacturers at Maryvale.

Brian said new members were always welcome and inquiries should be directed to him on 2501 or secretary Peter Burgess at Liquid Air in Traralgon on 74 6046.

Brian emphasised that suggestions from the "man with the rod", the welding practitioner, were invaluable, whether he was a member of the institute or not.

Left: Geoff Fullard, David Krohn and Brian Turvey.



Facelift for Yallourn transport workshop



A 12-strong day labor gang from Yallourn Civil Works is helping to break new ground in the Latrobe Valley.

They are the vital ingredients in the extension and redevelopment of the Yallourn Transport Workshop.

A start was made on the construction project in early April and upgrading to a modern workshop is expected to be completed by February next year.

The use of day labor for the \$650 000 project is a significant step forward, according to Project Engineer Richard Davies.

They will be involved in all aspects of the building program from concrete works and electrical wiring through to carpentry for the workshop, wash-bay and service bay areas.

A project team, set up with the help of consultant Ray Lilburne from P.A. Australia, is in control of the building program.

One interesting feature of the new workshop project will be the installation of a sub-floor service bay which will enable vehicles to be serviced without being hoisted.

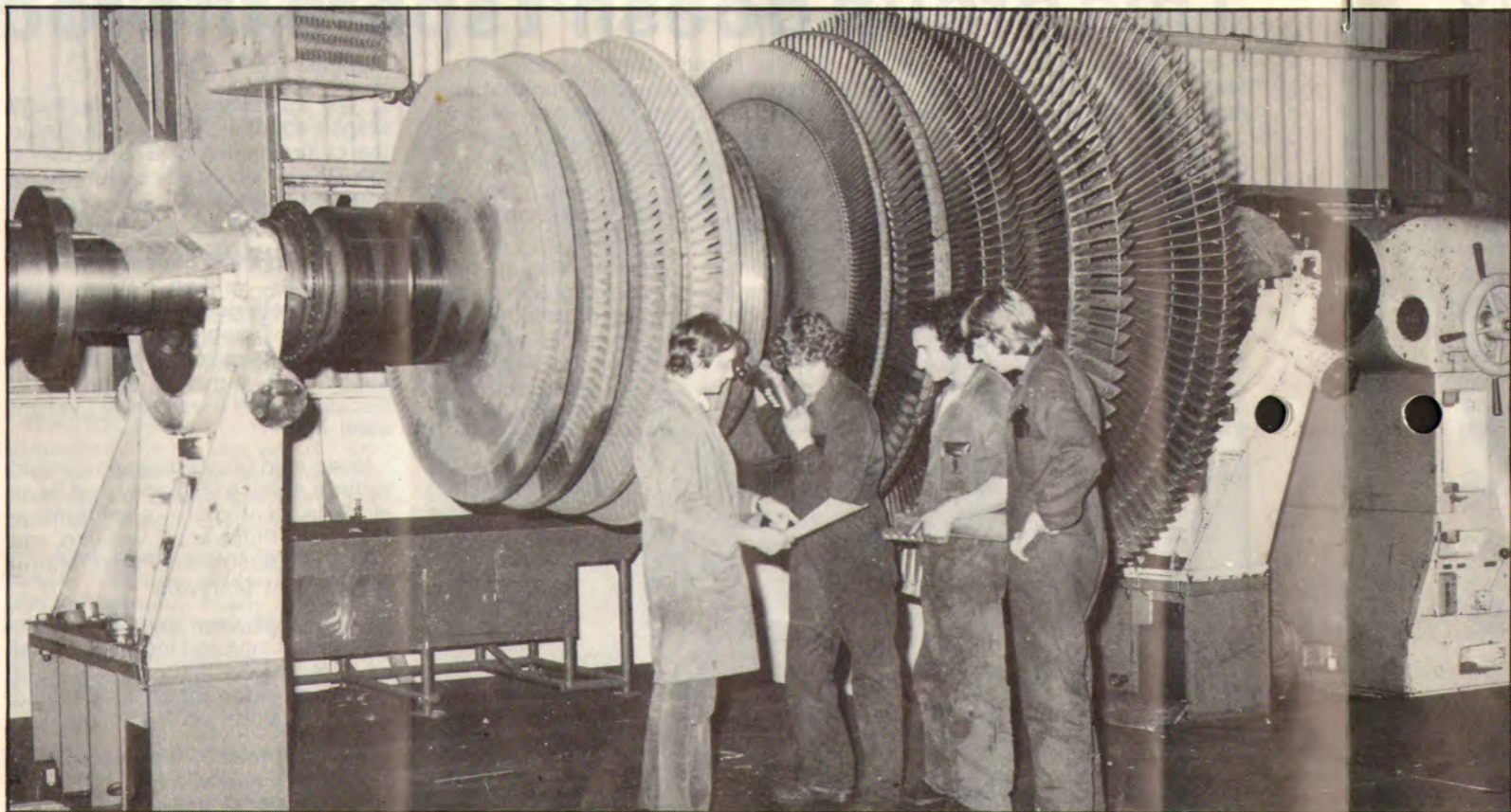
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Left: Boris Melnychenko pours and compacts the concrete for the new Yallourn Transport Workshop floor as chargehand Charlie Smith (right) supervises.

YALLOURN WORKSHOPS AID HAZELWOOD REFIT

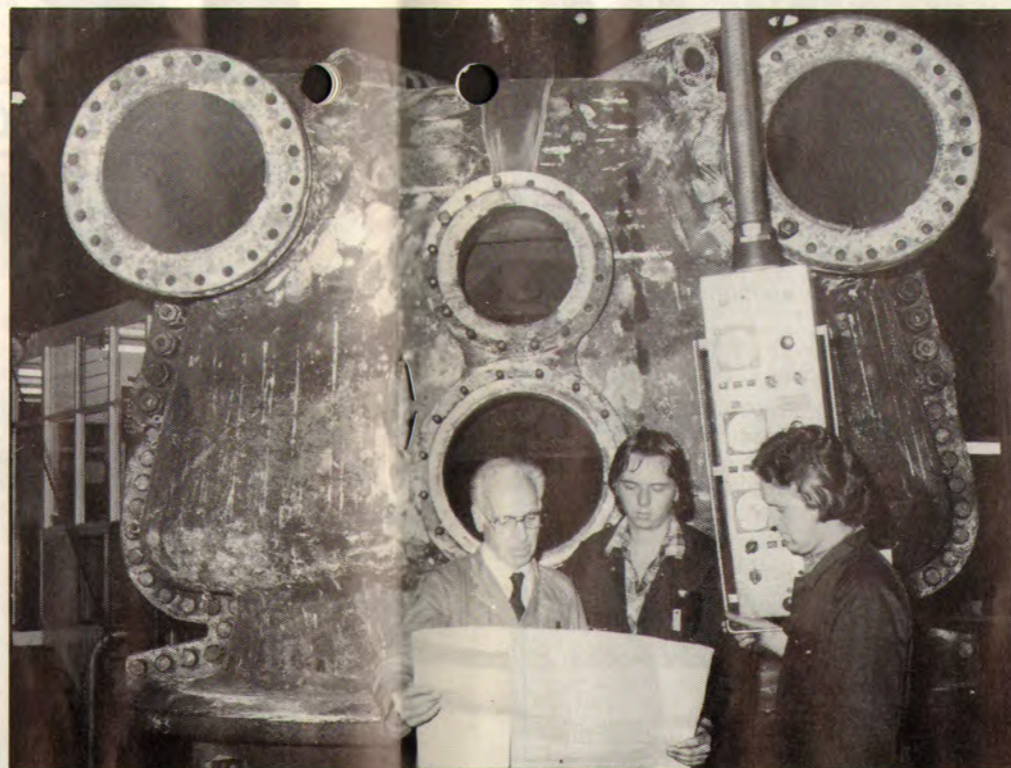
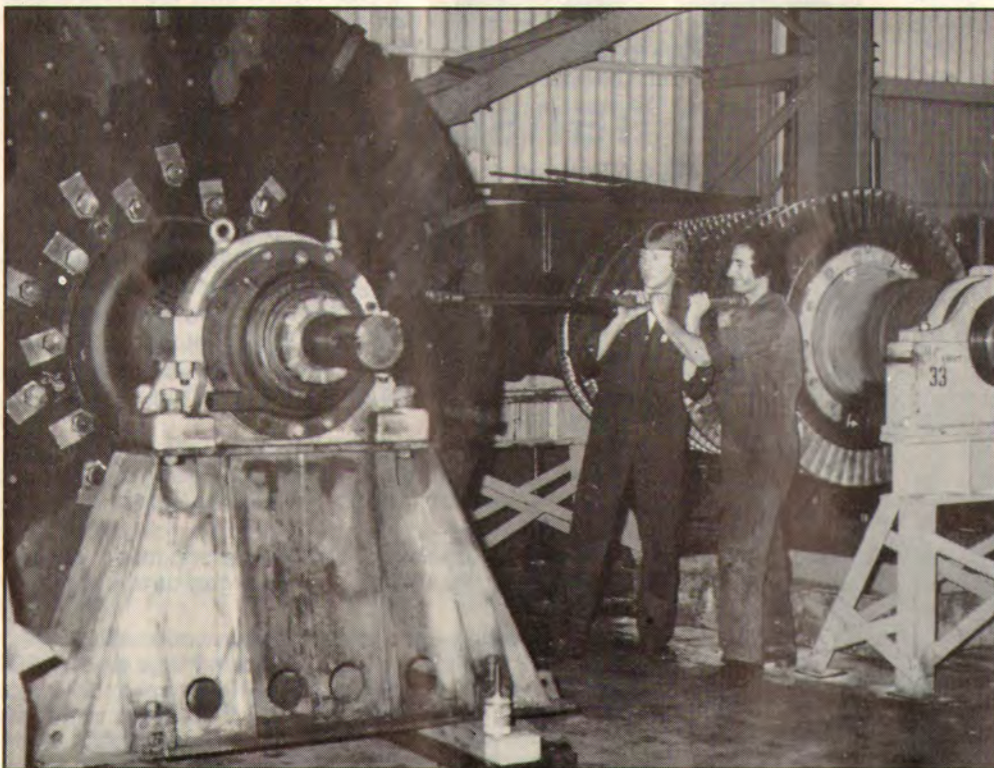
With the Hazelwood power station half-life reconstruction program under way, Yallourn Central Workshops have their work cut out carrying out repairs and modifications to unit two turbine components.

While contractors Babcock Australia, Simon Carves and Kent Instruments are overhauling the unit two boiler,



Above: Checking out what's going where on the I.P./L.P. rotor are Eric Palmer (foreman) with fitter Russel Armstrong, machinist George Meli and Russel Porter, a fourth year apprentice.

Below, left: George Meli and Russel Porter tightening up the bolts on an Yallourn W pulverising mill, one of the important non-refit jobs continuing in the workshops.



Below: Foreman Albert Reid with machinists Brian Holman and Geoff Moreland checking plans prior to setting the vertical borer in motion.

precipitator and boiler automatic control, Central Workshops personnel are hard at it on the turbine reconstruction.

Work includes weld repairs to a crack in the gland area of the high pressure outer cylinder, which will require stress relieving of the cylinder after welding has been completed. Modifications to the stress relieving "top hat" furnace to temporarily enlarge its capacity will be needed to accommodate this large component.

The gland areas in the high pressure inner cylinder and intermediate pressure cylinders will also be modified using the giant vertical borer. The setting up of casings on the borer is extremely exacting, with tolerances being set to within .05mm.

A number of rows of blades in two of the three turbine rotors will also be replaced. End plugs will be removed from the high pressure rotor and the bore polished in preparation for inspection for cracking.

Workshop Engineer Vern Wiggins said workshop personnel had really accepted the challenge of getting the job done.

"We're up to program and the whole job is running smoothly," Vern said.

"I've had some blokes working 12 hour shifts on the vertical borer.

"The individual is taking responsibility for his own work, and this is giving the boys the incentive to get the job done.

"At the moment work is spread over seven days a week — the spirit of team effort is very evident and what's also important is that non-refit work is not being neglected.

"When we start the blazing and the rivetting on the turbine blades we'll have to go onto shift work and I know there will always be people willing to hop into it."

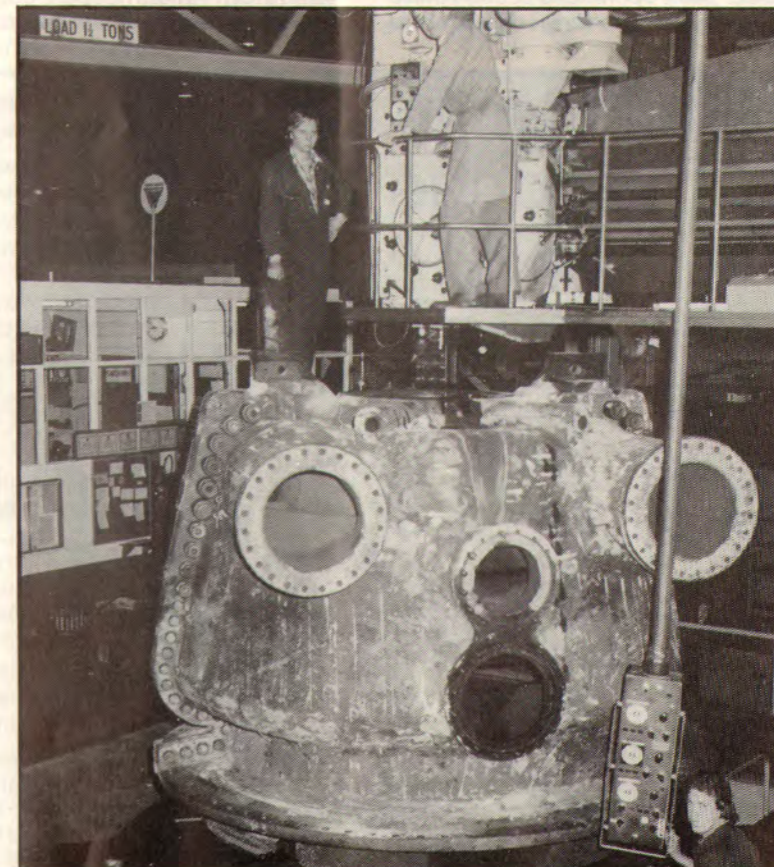
Reconstruction work on unit two at Hazelwood is expected to take 18 weeks followed by one week of recommissioning.

Work on unit one will then proceed followed by similar work on unit four.



Above: Non-refit work isn't being neglected at the workshops. Here, Bradley Staycho, a third year apprentice fitter is working on a Yallourn W beater wheel.

Below: Everything looks right, so the vertical borer is set in motion to machine out the gland area on the I.P. cylinder. Tolerances must be within .05 mm for this very exacting task.





POWER GENERATION

... and Gayle makes number six

Gayle Hecker didn't set any family precedents when she spent two weeks with the Commission as a work experience student recently.

Gayle, a 16 year old year 11 Maryvale High School student is the sixth member of her family to work with the Commission.

Although it was only a temporary two-week stint, Gayle is all set to join up full-time when she finishes school.

During her stay at Yallourn W, Gayle worked in the power plant operations sections, the first time a girl work-experience student has requested to work in that area.

"I asked the school if I could work in that area," Gayle said. "My interest was prompted by one of my brothers, Robin, who is a unit attendant at Yallourn W.

"Everything starts in the operations area, and when I finish school I'm going to apply for the power plant operators course. I'm concentrating on maths, science, and physics so I hope I'm accepted as a trainee.

"Besides I don't want to do the same thing every day, and in the power plant operations section there is always something different to do."



The remainder of the Hecker family are Neil (trainee power plant operator), Annette (occupational health nurse, Yallourn), Paul (operator, Yallourn open cut), and Les (dredger driver, Yallourn open cut).

Above: Gayle looking already very much at home in the control room at Yallourn W with her two brothers, Neil (left) and Robin.

John's gone to the dogs



In John Talbot's case, it could be a matter of life going to the dogs, quite literally.

John, an operator at the Morwell Briquette Factory, has been collared by the Chihuahua breeding bug.

He was prompted to start by his daughter, Christene Van Oosterom, who had been breeding them for a number of years.

"I really didn't have much of an interest in any one hobby," said John. "But since I've taken up breeding Chihuahuas I've become totally dedicated to them."

It's hardly surprising since a three-month old pup can easily bring \$300.

John started off his investment with \$500 for a male and bitch, and since then he's spent over \$1000 in vet's fees.

"They're fascinating because they're so small. Two miniatures can quite comfortably sleep inside a safety helmet. There's also the show side of things. Competition at shows is quite fierce among owners, and there's also a lot of information to be gained from other owners on the way they breed their dogs.

"The first time I showed my little male it took off third prize, and the first show my daughter entered her dog in, it took home every prize — about seven all told.

John seems to be having more than his share of beginner's luck. Chihuahuas only usually give birth to one pup — two at the most. There were four pups in the last Talbot litter. Not only did the four survive to be healthy puppies, they were all sold in advance. So what's wrong with a dog's life?



TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

Award goes to jaws of life

The management section of Transmission Operations' stations group recently achieved 12 months accident free time.

As is customary, that sort of achievement carries with it an incentive award for all concerned.

However, rather than benefit from the achievement themselves, section members decided to donate the proceeds to the Morwell branch of the State Emergency Service.

Late last year tests and communications section personnel donated the proceeds of their accident-free time award to the SES to help buy a "jaws of life". The management section followed suit and donated their amount toward a set of cutting shears for the "jaws".

Stations Engineer David Hing presented a cheque to the SES regional controller Col Leviston.

David said group members felt it was a little unfair that what was a basically indoor group should celebrate an accident-free period.

"We thought it more appropriate



to make a contribution to the SES who are actively involved in rescue operations. Only a short while after making the donation, an accident occurred on Traralgon West Road, and the jaws played a vital part in freeing a trapped occupant from a car."

David said that the management section thought other groups should be encouraged to think about contributing safety awards to the SES or similar organisations.

"No matter how small the donation is, it would be regarded as a positive contribution," he said.

Above: Members of management section with the jaws of life and attachments. Back row; Roland James, Chris May, Wayne Casey, David Hing, Aubrey Walsh, SES controller Col Leviston and Gary Campbell. Front; Mike Ritchie, Chris Morley, Jim Blucher.

Measuring up to an accurate job

The question "how long is a piece of string?" really isn't as silly as it sounds.

"If you replied "twice as long as half of it" you'd be a mile wide of the answer. But then again, how wide is a mile?"

With this measurement theme in mind, Lwyn Morton, Transmission Operation's Standards and Instrumentation Engineer at the Commission's Yarraville laboratory recently spoke with Latrobe Valley based departments on the precise measurement of electrical quantities.

The lecture was part of a program designed to improve the electrical measurement standards within the Operations Group.

The lecture was designed to furnish personnel with a more precise understanding of the limitations of the accuracy of instrumentation, especially in its application to the measurement of plant generating efficiency.

The lecture session comprised

a historical look at how electrical and mechanical standards were derived and included 120 slides that Lwyn has collected from both overseas and in Australia.

As Lwyn explained, just because a digital readout instrument gives a six figure reading, it doesn't mean that it's accurate to six places.

"The basis of all standards are defined by mass, length and time and it's from these three that all the other standards are derived," Lwyn said.

The International Standard of Mass, the kilogram is held in Sevres, France and copies of that standard are held by national laboratories throughout the world.

It is represented by a block of platinum iridium accurate to one part in one hundred million.

The standard of length, the metre is represented by a wavelength of light and time is set from a caesium atomic clock which contains an oscillating particle,

accurate to 1 second in 3000 years.

From these three, the two most important standards of the energy industry, the ohm (resistance) and the volt (an electro-motive force) are derived.

In turn, current, power and energy can be determined and the turbo generator — efficiency output — accurately assessed.

Although the Commission has a laboratory in the Latrobe Valley, most of the electrical standards are obtained from Yarraville, which in turn refers to the CSIRO National Laboratory in Sydney.

"However, it is becoming increasingly important that standards reference be more available in the Latrobe Valley with the development of new power stations, Lwyn said.

Having to rely on Yarraville is a time-consuming exercise and so an upgrading of facilities in the Latrobe Valley is necessary.

Club Notes ..

Hazelwood Power Station Social Club

Hazelwood Social Club recently held a dual social evening — one for the men and one for the women.

The men's smoke night held at the Italian/Australian Club was a great success with about 200 in attendance. As usual, Ron Blaskett and Gerry Gee provided plenty of laughs.

It seems the NSW brew which was served in place of ailing Victorian supplies was of some benefit too — its supposed less potent content resulted in fewer sore heads the following day.

The women's night at the Inn of Happiness in Morwell was also highly successful. About 20 attended, and even though the planned infiltration of the men's night didn't eventuate, it was a great night.

A trip to Merimbula in July is still being investigated, but a few problems have arisen with accommodation. Any suggestions can be forwarded to David Lees on 5355. Two busloads are expected to make the trip so about a 100 homeless people are looking for a place to stay for the weekend.

Coming events include the annual general meeting in July, and the annual ball on August 6. Two bands have been booked — "Accent" and "Clefs". Tickets will soon be on sale so start queueing.

Coal Road Social Club

Welcome to a new Valley social club, the Coal Road Social Club at Loy Yang which held its inaugural general meeting late in April.

The club executive is Les Wright (president), Colin McCowan (vice-president), Rob Sincich (secretary), Les Prosser (treasurer), Dianne Haughton (registrar), and committee members Gary Crookes, John Schmitz, David Thompson, Ralph Bean, Ron Holderness, Max Payne and Wesley Pump.

New club "El Presidente" Les said many thanks were due to Yallourn Open Cut Social Club for their \$500 assistance in getting the club off the ground.

"The operation of most social clubs involves heavily subsidised activities so we must first get ourselves in a solid financial position. However we have to come up with a few ideas which don't cost much but result in a bit of income," he said.

Les said he hoped other Valley social clubs which had excess or old amenities would pass them on to the new club. Carpet bowls sets, table tennis sets or other items would be gratefully accepted.

Les can be contacted on 73 3020.

Yallourn Power Station Social Club

Yallourn Power Station Social Club is gearing up for a burst of activity.

June 26 sees a trip to the live show "Barnum" starring Reg Livermore. Two buses will leave Morwell at 4.30 p.m. and pick-up at Moe around 5 p.m. A meal stop is planned.

The social club's annual ball is planned for July 2 at the Gala restaurant in Moe. Local band "Accent" will provide the music and only 350 tickets are available, so get in quickly when they go on sale in the near future.

Keep July 28 free — for the scheduled annual general meeting.

Main Office Social Club

The Main Office Social Club will be busy over the next couple of months.

June 26 (a popular date it seems), will see a squash and sauna night at the Traralgon gym. At just \$1 a head, it would be cheap at twice the price. All facilities, including the heated swimming pool, will be available to those taking part.

Other planned activities are the restaurant night in July and a bush dance at Yinnar in August. Further details will be provided as they come to hand.

Yallourn W Social Club

Yallourn W Social Club is all set for its night at the Cuckoo on June 26. That's the good news. The bad news is that all tickets have been sold. Club secretary Helen Procak said not only were the two buses booked out in four days, but everyone paid up in advance.

July 10 is the date for the trip to Melbourne to see "Barnum". Everyone seems to be getting into the act — a very popular show. The social club will post notices as soon as more information is available.

The club's annual cabaret is scheduled for August 6 and will be held at the Morwell Falcons Soccer Club in Crinigan Road. A band and Melbourne song-and-dance act "Decade" will provide the entertainment.

Tickets for about 400 people will be on sale soon.

Tests and Communications Social Club

The Tests and Communications Social Club's recent annual general meeting saw the election of one of the shortest serving presidents on record.

George Ballard was voted into the leader's role and then found himself transferring to Power Generation — so his term was a short-lived couple of weeks.

The new (permanent) committee comprises Ken McMeekin (vice-president), Fred Martin (secretary), Harold Bagnall (treasurer), Jim McIntyre (canteen manager), Joe Taylor (small goods manager), and Lillian Krznaric (credit manager).

Welcome to all and best of luck for the coming year!

Wanted

Scout hats, cub caps, and all scout uniform items. Scout book and regalia. Please contact Peter Butcher, Management Accounting 3854 or home (051) 27 2171.

Number one L.Y. cooling tower complete

"With this ring I thee conclude", could possibly sum up the thoughts of those who worked on the final pour of Loy Yang's first cooling tower.

The 86 cubic metre pour saw the last of the tower's 72 1½ metre rings completed, giving a total of 4500 cubic metres of concrete, excluding foundations, in the tower.

The tower which measures 89 metres across the base, 49 metres at the "throat", and 53 metres across the top is now all set for installation of the plastic poly-grid, through which heated station water falls, thus aiding the cooling process.

SEC construction supervisor Ernie Stares said the contract went according to plan.

"There were no major interruptions, and one aspect of the contract which was very significant was the high standard of safety," he said.

Lewis project manager, Colin Johnston, said the first Loy Yang tower was aided by a few innovations which improved on the approach used with the Yallourn cooling towers.

"We employed pre-cast support columns and lintels extensively on this tower," he said. "This was supplied from our own pre-cast yard at Loy Yang. This method saved a lot of time and is more efficient than the alternative method of pouring concrete in situ.

"The construction cycle was also aided by the use of a self-propelled lifting arm which raised the inside scaffolding. The outer scaffolding around the rim of the tower was designed especially to accommodate



the lifting arm," he said.

A two square metre feedwater culvert running diagonally across the tower on top of the legs is now being constructed, and concrete distribution pipes will run at right angles from the culvert.

The three remaining A station

cooling towers are all underway. Number three tower has most of its pre-cast columns in place and civil work is progressing on number four.

Above: Lewis Construction workers pictured adding the last concrete to the 72nd ring of the cooling tower.

Steeled for action

Steelwork for the first stage of the 66 KV switchyard at Loy Yang A is now complete.

And all the major items of equipment, including circuit breakers, voltage transformers, isolators and buses, have been installed.

The first stage involves the supply of power to the station's service transformers and to the Loy Yang South sub station for the 22 KV supplies.

The power is coming from Morwell Terminal Station and construction of the last part of the lines which will bring the power is in progress.

Since the completion of the steelwork, contractors T. A. Mellens have switched their attention to the relay house and general cabling in the switchyard.

SEC supervising engineer Linton Planner said work on the first stage is expected to be completed by July this year.

"Work started early in January," he said. "The relay house for the yard was built by Wiljor Constructions who also did the foundations and other civil work."

Stage two of the 66 KV switchyard is expected to start in December.

Civil work on the first stage of the main 500 KV switchyard is due to start this month and the associated electrical work in mid-December.

Left: T. A. Mellens supervisors, Egon Wiemann (left) and Graham Starr (centre) are pictured with SEC supervising engineer Linton Planner.



Service Register

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

25 YEARS

Peter Dorz
Norm Cook
Gerhard Raun

Transportation
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station

30 YEARS

John Forsythe
Clem Hill
Ian McDonald
Jack Bridgeman
Fred Thorpe
Charlie Wilson

Coal, Yallourn
Workshops, Yallourn
Forestry, Yallourn
Hazelwood Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station

31 YEARS

Harry Cardona
Bill Smith
Ivan Selimovic
Arthur Crow
Phillip Mifsud
Carmel Sammut
Mervyn Bevis

Workshops, Yallourn
Civil, Yallourn
Forestry, Yallourn
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Operations, Transmission

32 YEARS

Terry Bassett
Alfred Elliott
Joe Cunningham
Stewart Jarman
Frank Roche
Ray Goldsbrough
Aleksander Demczuk
Paul Pace
Witold Krzyskow

Patrol
Coal, Yallourn
Workshops, Yallourn
Transport, Yallourn
Transport, Yallourn
Mowell Briquetting and Power
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn Power Station
Yallourn W Power Station

33 YEARS

Noel Edwards
Stan Fisher
Bede Gilmour

Stores, Morwell
Stores, Yallourn
Survey

34 YEARS

Frank Siggins
Rolly Thompson
Murray Walker
Ken Waite

Coal, Yallourn
Workshops, Morwell
Civil, Yallourn
Civil, Yallourn

35 YEARS

Frank Rennie
Aubrey Davey
Lyle Seear

Coal, Morwell
Coal, Yallourn
Yallourn Power Station

36 YEARS

Richard Cannot
Ron Mansfield
Ted Crookes
Wally Entwistle
Lachlan McInnes

Coal, Yallourn
Coal, Yallourn
Coal, Headquarters
Transport Workshops
Hazelwood Power Station

41 YEARS

Ern Mitchell
Frank Miles

Coal, Yallourn
Management, Engineering
Services

42 YEARS

Fred Cook

Civil, Yallourn

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Army reserve exercise goes off with a bang

headed up through Dargo to Mount St. Bernard near Falls Creek. The advance continued past Bright, Mitta Mitta, Dartmouth Dam and concluded at Walwa.

During the advance, contact with the "enemy" was made on a number of occasions.

The squadron then withdrew to Shelly and then west across to Wangaratta before turning south to Mansfield and Bonny Doon where a bridge was "blown up".

Ron said the "destruction" of the bridge was very spectacular with an appreciative crowd of local schoolchildren as onlookers.

"We had a number of half-kilo simulators and colored smoke which made the explosion look really authentic," Ron said.

The squadron then advanced to Euroa and Negambie and finally south to near Mitchell Town Winery.

In all the men covered 2000 kilometres in 12½ days.

"According to the powers that be, the exercise was the longest army reserve exercise in Australia for 15 years," Ron said. "It was pretty tough, and if you think the weather has been a bit chilly down here of late, you should've seen some of the frosts we had up in the mountains — it got down to -4°C on a couple of mornings.

"All in all it was a pretty successful exercise, and an excellent prelude to the Balranald exercise coming up next year."

For Sale

Eltham, residential block of land, 0.12 ha at 170 Scenic Crescent, Lot 116-LP21159-Nillumbrik, in bushland area, close to railway station and shopping centre. Clear title with no incumbrance. Price \$17 000. O.N.O. Contact N. C. G. Hulber, 13 Curlew street, Queensland. 4507. Telephone (075) 48 1142.

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WORKSHOPS FACELIFT

Foundations for the service bay were completed in mid-May and the erection of structural steel is expected to begin towards the end of June.

Project Engineer Richard Davies said he was impressed with the way the first two months had gone. "We are running to time and to budget."

The project team is headed by Acting Civil Works Engineer Gary Deppler. Architect is Noel Collins, Electrical Engineer Murray Loble, Cost Officer Hugh Rutherford, Supervisor for the subcontract work is Les Barton and Purchasing Officer Bruce Chew. Client Liaison Officer is Bruce Reynolds.

Project foreman is Don Robinson who will be in charge of the building trades gang.



retirements



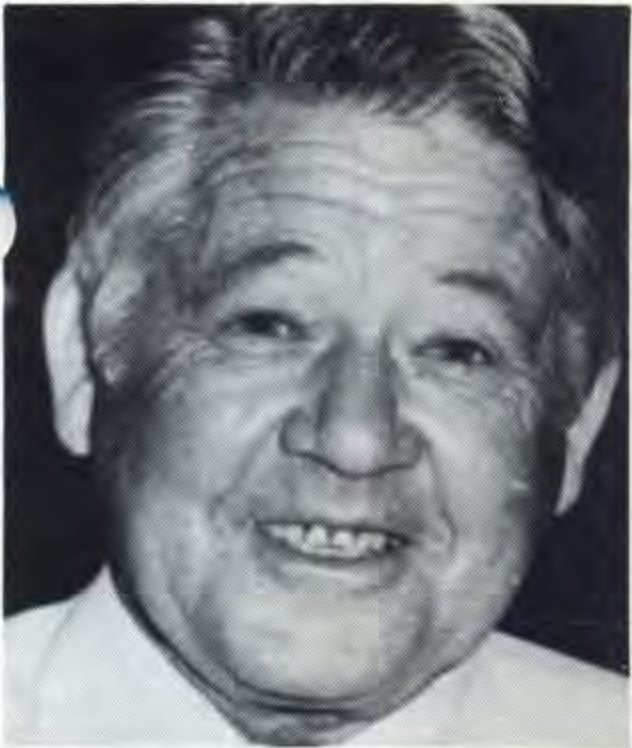
Keith Langmaid

Keith Langmaid recently retired from the Commission after more than 26 years service. He retired from the position of turbine driver at Morwell Briquette and Power. He was farewelled with a quiet informal cup of tea with Power Station Superintendent, Cyril Morellato. Keith intends to reside locally with occasional interstate trips and eventually plans a big trip around Australia. His fishing, bowls and grandchildren will keep him occupied during his retirement.



Lou Elkington

A trip to Britain via the United States is among Lou Elkington's retirement plans. Lou retired on April 22 from the position of Unit Attendent, Hazelwood power station, Power Generation. He first joined in 1950 as a plasterer with Yallourn Construction. He resigned in 1953 and rejoined in 1955 at Yallourn power station.



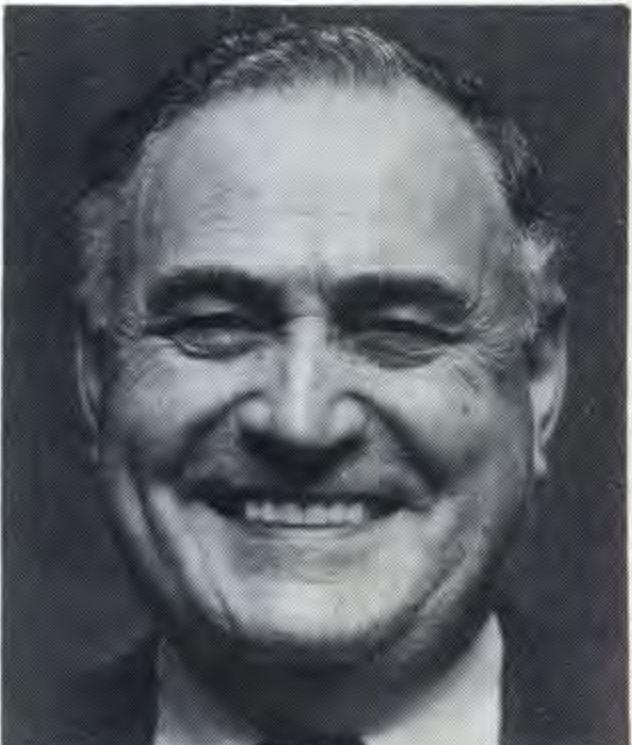
Alan Walton

A lunch and afternoon tea were held to farewell Alan Walton when he retired on April 16. He was presented with a golf buggy. Alan is planning an extended holiday in Surfers Paradise and to play more golf. Alan joined the SEC in 1940 as a junior draftsman with Production Department. After war service he rejoined the Commission and now retires from the position of Section Leader, Mechanical, Mechanical Services Division, Engineering Services.



Joe Di Ciero

Joe Di Ciero retired on April 30 after more than 21 years of service with the Commission. He joined in 1960 as a pickman in the Yallourn open cut. He has worked as a fire service operator and Platelayer and retires from the position of operator, Yallourn open cut, Coal Production. Joe was presented with a fishing rod and shovel.



Jack Chisholm

Jack Chisholm retired after more than 31 years of service. Jack joined the Commission in 1950 as an electrical mechanic with construction at Yallourn power station. He retired from the position of technical services officer with Station Section, Transmission Operations. Jack was presented with an electric grouter at a presentation at the Parkside in Morwell. Jack plans to move to Coffs Harbour.



Bill Evans

Bill Evans will be spending a lot of time fitting out his new yacht following his recent retirement. Bill was with the Commission for more than 33 years, joining as a foreman at Newport power station. He came to Yallourn power station in 1962. He retired from the position of maintenance supervisor (turbines) and at a farewell was presented with a trophy made up of turbine parts, a framed photo of the station and a photo album.



Freddy Waser

Freddy Waser retired after more than 20 years service. He joined the Commission in 1961 as a boilermaker at the Morwell central workshops and retired from the position of welder special class at the same location. At a farewell, Fred was presented with a radio cassette deck and a set of stoneware coffee cups by workshop superintendent, David Krohn. A trip home to Holland should fulfil Fred's love of travel in the near future.



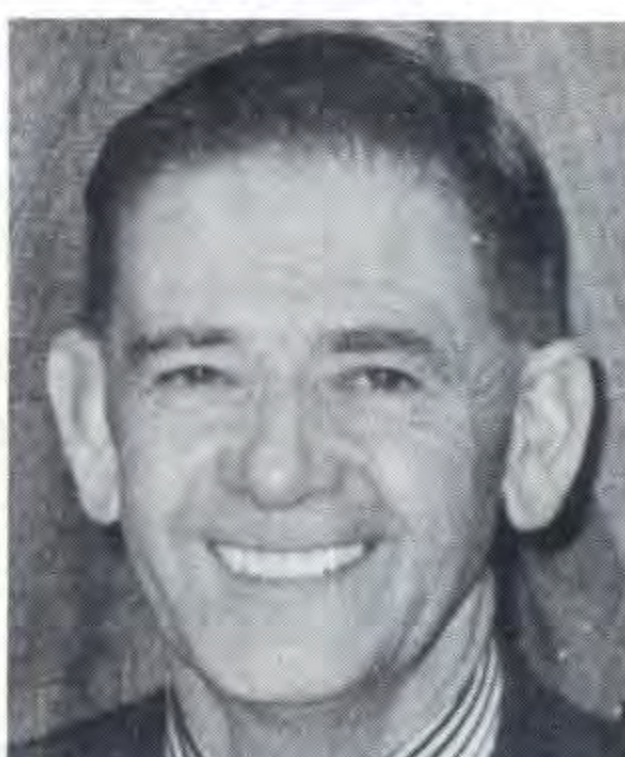
Jack Clancy

Jack Clancy retired after 31 years of service. Jack retired from the position of engineer, instrument and monitoring at Yallourn power station, having joined the Commission in 1951 as an engineering assistant. Manager Power Generation, Don Clark presented Jack with a watch, a shaver and a lawn trimmer.



Clarrie French

Clarrie French was farewelled by friends at a sendoff in the Morwell transport workshops when he retired after 41½ years with the Commission. Clarrie joined the Commission in 1940 as a metal trades junior in the Yallourn open cut. He retired from the position of motor driver. He was presented with a chiming clock and a suitcase. Clarrie doesn't mind the odd spot of fishing, and may take a holiday in Tasmania later this year.



Tom Skerry

Tom Skerry retired at the same fuction as Jack Clancy. Tom retired from the position of electrical plant engineer, having also been with the Commission for 31 years. Power Generation Manager, Don Clark presented Tom with a welding set and boating and fishing accessories.



SPORT



Rewards for those who weight

Doug Van Opinjen (right) and Tom Lewis don't mind the occasional weighty problem, especially when it brings them rewards of gold and silver.

Doug, a boilermaker at Yallourn W, and Tom, an apprentice fitter and turner at the apprentice training annexe, both competed in the national teenage power lifting championships at Sydney University.



Doug won the 100 kg class, and Tom finished second in the 56 kilo class.

Power lifting differs from Olympic lifting in that three types of lifts are attempted — a dead lift, a bench press, and a squat.

The winner is decided by the total for the three lifts.

In winning, Doug not only set a total record of 630 kg, but he also set a dead lift record of 270 kg.

Tom was beaten into second place by a mere 25 kg in his class. He lifted a total of 375 kg, which included a 140 kg dead lift.

"I don't think I could've picked up that extra 25 kg," Tom said. "I was pretty wrecked after the trip up to Sydney, and we competed almost immediately."

Tom said he intends to compete in the senior class at this month's Victorian championships — "just to keep in practice." There is no teenage category in the Victorian championships.

For Doug, who has been power lifting for the past five years, the championships were the last time

he will be eligible for the teenage section. His opponents won't be sorry he's advancing to the seniors — he has won gold medals at the past four national teenage titles.

The Gippsland Power Lifting Club trains every Monday and Thursday at the Yallourn Technical School.

The club has about 40 members at present and welcomes prospective lifters.



The game fishing season really seems to be taking off.

Following hard on the heels of the Bermagui adventures of Area Administration's Les Hunt (May Contact), Commission employees played key roles in the South Gippsland Game Fishing Club's recent challenge against the Victorian Game Fishing Club at Portland.

A total of 12 boats competed — six from each club — and 88 line class fish were landed.

The South Gippsland Club hooked 23 Southern Bluefin Tuna and a further 15 were tagged and released.

Alcatraz, skippered by Neil Ipsen (unit attendant at Yallourn W) and his wife Margaret weighed in five Bluefin Tuna and tagged and released another during the two days of competition. Margaret was very unlucky not to pick up a world record fish on the second day of competition when she battled with a Southern Bluefin

CHALLENGE SEES SOME FINE FISH

Tuna weighing about 11 kg on a 2 kg line for almost an hour. She had the fish alongside the boat on three occasions but only a short gaff was available on board. On the third occasion, the fish broke off. You win some . . .

The Monday after the challenge another South Gippsland Club member Geoff Phipps set a new Victorian record when he caught a 21 kg fish on a 6 kg line. This was only 3 kg off an Australian and world record for this line class.

The Victorian Game Fishing Club won the challenge.

Right: Margaret Ipsen with a 64 kilo Bluefin Tuna caught on a 15 kilo line.

