

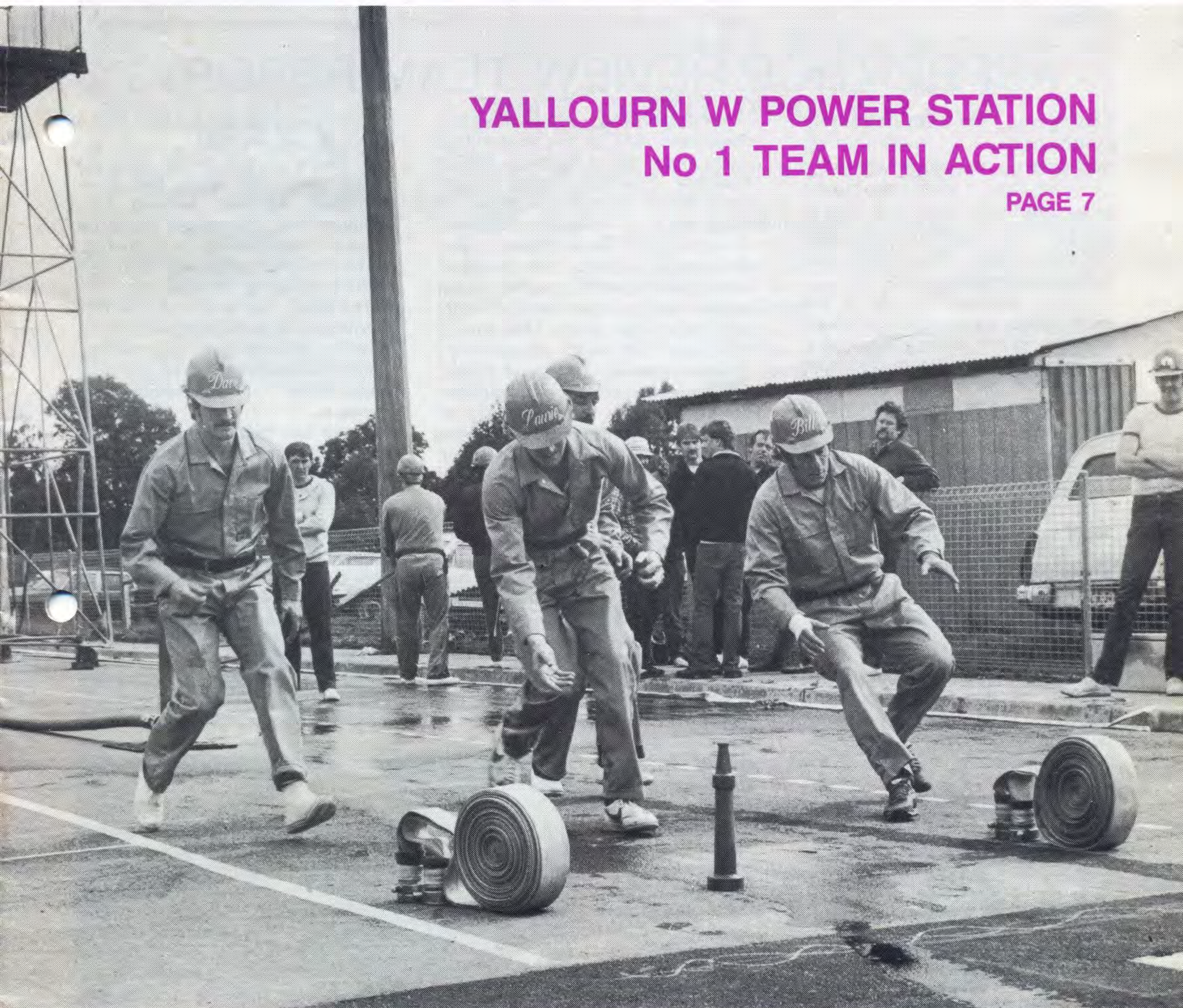


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## YALLOURN W POWER STATION No 1 TEAM IN ACTION

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*Yallourn W power station No 1 team in action in the four man wet hose event during the Commission's first-ever Latrobe Valley fire fighting competition. The team comprises, left to right: unit controllers Dave Wandmaker and Laurie Fanning; plant attendant Wally Maliko; and unit controller Bill Graske. The team took second place in the event and won the champion team shield.*



## Depot project set on the right lines

AREA lines gangs of Transmission Operations based at Yallourn have just completed one of their biggest projects on the railway system for a number of years.

And for most of the employees it was the first time that they had undertaken the type of work involved.

They erected about 150 poles and 2.8 km of overhead lines at the new rolling stock maintenance depot at Yallourn.

The two gangs under foreman Jack O'Donnell completed the work in about three months and were on schedule.

Trolleys were used along the newly-laid railway track to string the overhead

cables. Usually elevated platform vehicles have to be used.

Planning and design work for the project was carried out by engineers of Area Lines.



Area lines personnel at the new rolling stock maintenance depot in Yallourn.

## APPRENTICE REVIEW TEAM REPORTS

THE joint union-management committee investigating maintenance manning levels in the Commission, and problems associated with large numbers of graduating apprentices, has handed down its report and recommendations.

During the four months of the investigation, discussions were held with relevant individuals and groups at all levels ranging from Victorian Government Ministers, members of SEC General Management, Department, Division and Section Heads, together with local union delegates, and many officers with responsibility for apprentice training.

During September, a discussion paper containing preliminary findings was distributed for comment to all individuals who had input to the Committee, all the unions directly or indirectly affected by the preliminary findings, and other interested individuals.

The final report has taken into account all the initial input and responses to the discussion paper, including the corporate response from the Chief General Manager of the Commission.

In addition to Klaus Budnik, President GTLC, the committee comprised the following: Phillip Edwards, Electrical Trades Union; Peter Foster, Australasian Society of Engineers; Peter Gibbons, Amalgamated Metal, Foundry and Shipwrights' Union; Ian Houston, Municipal Officers' Association; Martin Jones, Amalgamated Metal, Foundry and Shipwrights' Union; Mike Meany, Municipal Officers' Association; Graham Sambell and Geoff Willett, SECV; George Wragg, Amalgamated Metal, Foundry and Shipwrights' Union; Sam Armstrong, Amalgamated Metal, Foundry and Shipwrights' Union (part-time); and Ted Turnbull, Electrical Trades Union (part-time).

### Absorbed

As a result of the four months, full-time committee investigation, it has been established that all of the remaining surplus apprentices from the January 1984 and July 1984 graduations are able to be absorbed within the Commission as tradesmen.

However, the Committee's investigations have revealed that, based on current estimates of tradesmen needs in the Commission over the next four years, there will be a significant surplus of graduating apprentices in the fitting and turning, boilermaking and electrical mechanical trades.

It is not anticipated there will be any surpluses in other trades over the next four years.

However, the report points out that more flexible work practices, coupled with a reduction in the levels of overtime, could provide scope to reduce the level of surpluses.

The report indicated that it did not anticipate that there would be positions for all of the fitting and turning

apprentices graduating in the Latrobe Valley in January 1985.

A review of the overall manning levels when the report had been compiled, however, showed that, although the apprentices would be surplus to requirements on graduating, some of them could be retained in their trade to cover future vacancies.

The report has recommended that the remaining surplus apprentices be given the option to apply for some non-trade positions in operations and other areas within the Commission if they chose to.

It was also recommended that the Commission put considerable effort and resources, in conjunction with the Ministry of Employment and Training, and unions, into assessing the external employment opportunities for its surplus graduating apprentices, and give every reasonable assistance to them to gain positions outside the Commission; one of the mechanisms being the use of the Public Service Board referral system.

The Committee indicated that it was anxious to see the achievement of a level of efficiency and performance within the industry which will promote positive employment opportunities in the future.

It was stressed by the Committee that successful implementation of the recommendations contained in the report will require the full co-operation of Commission management, the unions, together with acceptance by employees at the shop floor level.

The report and its recommendations will now be considered by management and unions. Following agreement of proposals to be implemented, a timetable for specific implementation will be developed.

•Copies of the report are available from Gail Randall on extension 3398.

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# Report proposes full capacity future for briquette business

A STUDY group's report on the briquette business has outlined a future in which full capacity production could be achieved.

The study group believes that sufficient new sales could be obtained by a new pricing strategy for full capacity levels of production to be maintained as long as production costs are minimised.

The group's report says that under this plan, the net cash flow of the business would increase substantially and an increase in export sales would also be possible.

The study group was made up of representatives of the Departments of Management and Budget, Minerals and Energy, the Victorian Brown Coal Council and the SEC.

## Strategy

The study group's objective was to develop a proposed strategy for the industry and to correct its declining sales and financial performance.

The report notes that current demand for briquettes is about two thirds of production capacity and that profitability has been poor.

It goes on: "The consistent financial losses obscure the fact that briquettes currently represent the most economical form of auxiliary firing of power stations. The closing down of the briquette business would impose a greater financial burden on the electricity business due to the need to purchase more expensive auxiliary fuel, as well as the loss of cash flow derived from public sales."

The report concludes that electricity production should bear all the costs of briquette production up to a level required for SEC power

stations and that full accounting costs and losses should not be used as a basis for pricing public sales.

## Public Sales

The report recommends a pricing strategy that maximises public sales so that factory output reached full production.

As part of its recent announcement

on the future management and development of Latrobe Valley brown coal resources, the State Government announced that briquette distribution, sales, planning and accounting functions would become the responsibility of the new Coal Corporation of Victoria with the SEC retaining responsibility for the production of briquettes.

## Solar dried brown coal pilot plant may be set up

A PILOT plant to experiment with solar drying of brown coal is to be set up by the Commission.

Solar dried brown coal has potential commercial uses as an industrial fuel and as an auxiliary fuel for the Commission. More than one million tonnes a year could be produced from a full-scale plant after the turn of the century.

Information from the operation of the pilot plant will be needed before a full-scale production plant is established.

Design, construction and operation of the pilot plant over a three year period is expected to cost more than \$3 million. A research and development grant from the National Energy Research Development and Demonstration Council (NERDDC) has been obtained.

The pilot plant will be located near Hazelwood Power Station on the old Midland Highway.

## Construction work

Construction work will start early next year and be finished before the end of the year. The pilot plant will operate for about three years.

The slurry dried coal produced will be tested at Hazelwood Power Station for combustibility and suitability as an alternative auxiliary fuel.

SEC General Manager, Production, Don Clark, said the Commission had been looking for some time for an alternative brown coal auxiliary fuel and would need an additional 100,000 tonnes a year for the next power station project to follow Loy Yang. The State Government has given the solar dried slurry brown coal pilot project high priority in a co-ordinated program to develop the State's brown coal resources.

## LOOKING US OVER

A WEST German engineering student is spending three months looking at the operations of Hazelwood power station.

He is Harry Spitzhorn, pictured left, who is studying mechanical engineering at Achen in Germany. While at Hazelwood Harry is attached to the technical services section under instrument engineer John Morrissey.

Harry explained that as part of his studies, he had to spend time in a practical situation and he had been fortunate enough to obtain a place in Australia.

When he completes his stay at Hazelwood, he plans to do some travelling in Australia before returning to Germany next February.

Harry has completed four years of studies, which lasts a total of six years. He hopes to specialise as a heating engineer when he finishes his training.





## Into battle with the 38th Field Squadron

YOU'VE got to be fit to be in the Army Reserve and you have got to like what you are doing.

Recently members of the 38th Field Squadron — which is largely made up of Commission employees — spent a testing two weeks in the bush.

They were operating under battle conditions, which meant that their movements had to be concealed from 'enemy' forces.

And there were plenty of obstacles for them to contend with such as land mines (not real ones, but capable of delivering a loud bang and a lot of smoke), fallen trees across their route and an active enemy force.

Included in the exercise was a three-day stay under canvas at the Karingal scout camp near Erica where the squadron was involved in a day and night operation to build a bridge across a river.

Teamwork was essential as eight men lifted 300 kg bank seat beams into place to provide a foundation for the bridge structure.

Road transport took the group to Willung, east of Carrajung, but ahead of them was a 50 kilometre march to their objective in the Yarram area. Their goal in the battle scenario was to push enemy forces back to the Gippsland coast.

The squadron's commander, Lieutenant Peter Wakefield, who is training co-ordinator with power operations, Hazelwood, Production Services Department, said: "It's been pretty hectic. We have been working a 16 hour day and you don't get eight hours sleep when you are under canvas.

"Under battle conditions you have to be alert for 24 hours a day, too."

The exercise was the squadron's



*ABOVE: Members of the 38th Field Squadron move a 300 kg bank seat beam into position as part of a bridge building task.*

*BELOW: Keeping the troops supplied with food are, left to right: Sapper 'Slim' Somerville (plumber with Civil Works, Yallourn); Corporal Phillip Hough (fitter and turner, Yallourn W power station); and Sergeant John Draper (operator, Yallourn power station).*



annual camp in which they were joined by the 8th and 10th Squadrons from Ringwood East and members of the

7th Field Engineering Regiment, under their commanding officer, Lieut. Col Kerry McManus.

## SINGING ROLE FOR ENGINEER

ASSISTANT planning engineer with Production Services Department Steve Trollope has been in the spotlight lately.

He has been treading the boards of Traralgon's Little Theatre as Colonel Calverly in the Latrobe Valley Light Opera Society's production of

Patience, by Gilbert and Sullivan.

The production, the first ever of this work by the society, played to packed houses last month.

Another Commission connection was provided by instrument engineer with technical services section at Hazelwood power station, John Morrissey, who took care of the stage lighting.

Earlier this year Steve took part in the West Gippsland Performing Arts Council's production of The Music Man. With rehearsals for each

group's production taking about six months for performances in June and October, Steve is occupied for most of the year.

He has become a member of the Yallourn Madrigal Society and he won this year's Traralgon Eisteddfod competition in the Songs from the Shows section.

Anyone interested in taking part in either the Light Opera Society or the West Gippsland Performing Arts Council's productions can contact Steve on 3043.



# The story of Yallourn's people told in words and pictures



Former Yallourn residents study copies of the book, "Yallourn Was . . .", at the reception to launch the book. In the centre is author Prue McGoldrick. Left to right: former Yallourn High School teachers, Mrs Jean Hiar and Mrs May Gunn; CWA stalwart and widow of former bandmaster Mrs Louise Turner; former boilermakers supervisor Bill Langford; Mrs Elsie Benson, now in her 90s; Prue McGoldrick; Yallourn parks and gardens overseer Jock Lawson; Mrs Marilyn McArthur, daughter of former Commission photographer Cliff Cleverly; Mrs Ellen Madden; Mrs Kate Wood; and former Yallourn Primary School teacher Mrs Honor Crane.

WRITING a social history of the Yallourn township presented special problems for Prue McGoldrick.

First of all, there was the fact that the township no longer existed. "I couldn't go out and check a detail about a building, for instance, because there's nothing there now", she explained.

There was also the need to write the book before some of the oldest residents died or were unable to remember details.

And she tried to remain as impartial as possible in describing the decision to take over the township for open cut operations.

### Three-year project

But Prue said she received a lot of help in her three-year project of researching and writing the book.

She said: "The Commission helped me tremendously. I spent weeks looking through official records.

"I had access to library copies of Live Wire and SEC magazines and they were marvellous sources of information about the Yallourn community.

"I also saw correspondence between Yallourn superintendents and Head Office and letters from townspeople to the superintendent. They gave a very good picture of what was going on."

She said that among Commission personnel who were particularly helpful were the then Area Administration manager, John Hutchinson, Morwell technical librarian Bruce Ponting, and Kevin Goldie, Stan Wright and Jack Hinshelwood of the drafting services section at Yallourn.

The book is well illustrated with photographs, many of them from Commission archives.

She received encouragement for the project from Victoria's 150th anniversary committee, who assisted her with a grant.

Prue, who was born in Melbourne, moved to Yallourn in 1951 with her engineer husband, Val, and they stayed for 28 years.

Prue was active in township life, helping to establish a Red Cross Service Company. She was also involved with the CWA and was diocesan secretary of the Catholic Women's League. She was a journalist with the Latrobe Valley Express for some years.

### Kernot Hall reception

Prue's book which is entitled "Yallourn Was . . ." was launched by the Chairman of the Commission, Charles Trethowan, at a reception held at Kernot Hall, Morwell, attended by more than 200 people, many of them former Yallourn residents. Orders are already placed for more than 1000 copies of the book which is the first publishing venture of Gippsland Printers of Morwell.

Prue, who now lives at Paynesville, is not resting on her laurels.

She is already planning a book on the history of Sunshine, where she grew up. It will be the third book she will have written, the first being the centenary history of Morwell, published in 1979.

In 1976, Prue, in conjunction with others, wrote "To Yallourn With Love", to mark the Back to Yallourn celebrations.

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# SIMULATOR TEAM PLAY A KEY ROLE

THE Loy Yang simulator celebrated its first birthday recently . . . and what a year it has been.

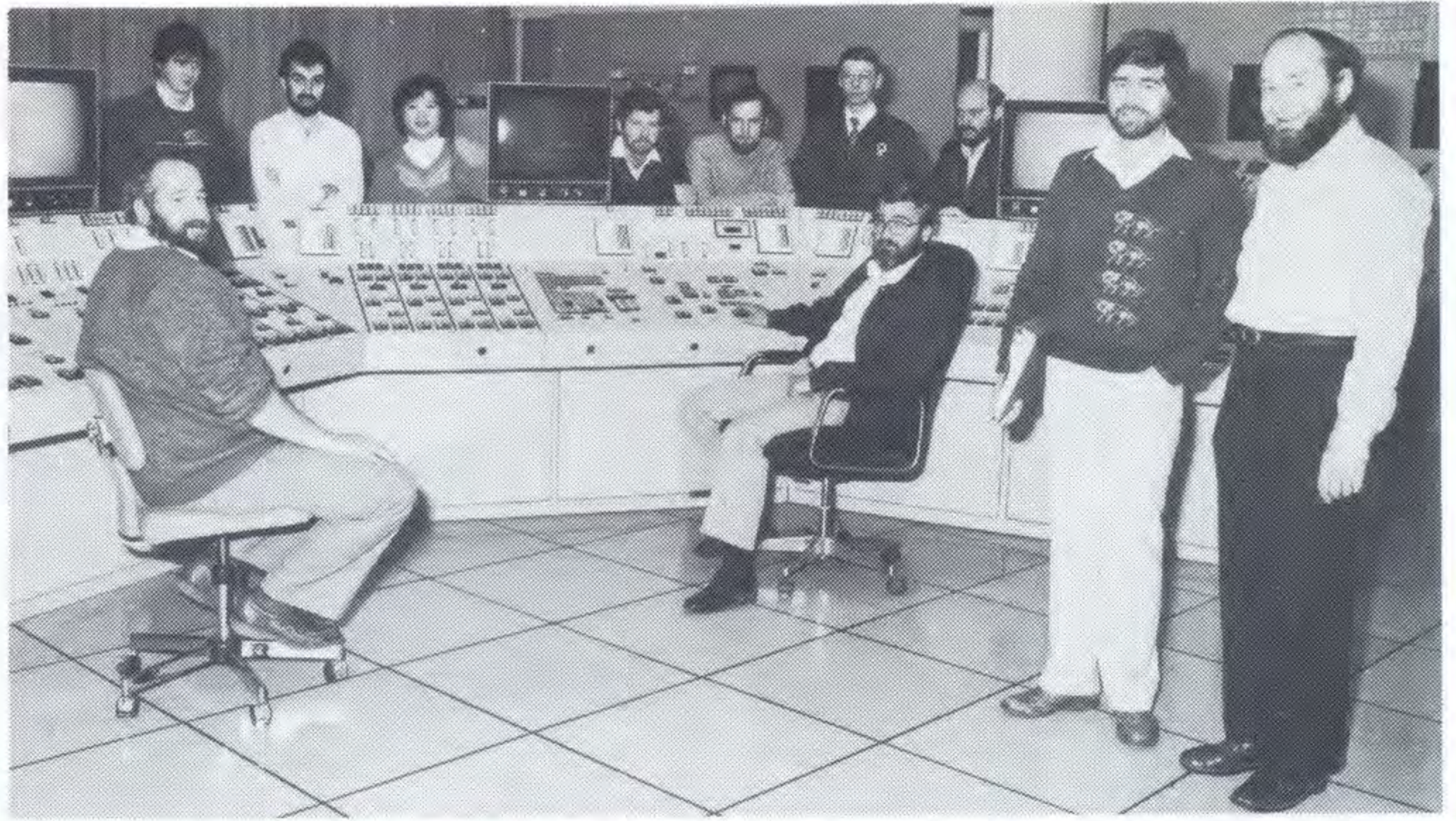
The \$10m simulator, situated on the ground floor of the control centre, has played a key role in the unit two power generation story. Now the Loy Yang simulator is set to launch into another area — unit one.

This part of the simulator, which should be in operation by the end of the year, will provide operator training prior to unit one's first steam to set.

Simulator Manager, Ian Charity, said a second control panel was necessary because of the different types of turbines installed. Ian is hoping the unit one simulator will continue the fine record achieved by the group in a little more than a year. "This simulator is unique within the SEC. It is a mathematical model of the real thing", said Ian, who was part of a SEC team which flew to America to supervise work on the simulator before it was brought to Australia.

The simulator allows operators to be trained and to gain experience running the plant under any conditions from standstill to full load.

At call there are over 300 malfunctions of the unit two operating plant.



The simulator team in the simulator room.

All Loy Yang operating staff have taken part in simulator training and return on a regular basis for refresher courses. Commissioning engineers have made use of the simulator to certify early commissioning procedures and now Loy Yang station engineers are increasing their knowledge and operation of Loy Yang plant with courses on the simulator.

The simulator is in use 16 hours a day, seven days a week. All training takes place on the afternoon shift, with development of units one and two during the day.

At present efforts are being made to modify the simulator to make it a perfect "clone" of the unit two plant. This work is being carried out by the development team including Peter Lakeman, Brian Pither, Chris Stockdale, Richard Cane and David Leizerovitz.

Already the simulator has proved invaluable in detecting a fault with electrical switching. "Experiments on the simulator showed where the deficiency was", said senior simulator Instructor, John Hirs. Another area

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## Unit one boiler lit for first time

THE first fires have been lit in the Loy Yang unit one Boiler.

The unit one boiler, built by International Combustion of Australia, is scheduled to produce the first steam to the turbine early next year.

Before that can happen a series of major commissioning milestones must take place.

One of these milestones is the successful lighting of the 12 gas burners in the boiler.

Gas igniters, four on each level, are designed to light the gas pilot burners which, in turn, will ignite the associated briquette burners. Briquettes are used as the auxiliary fuel for the Loy Yang boilers to raise initial boiler pressure and ignite the main brown coal burners.

The briquette burners themselves will not be fired until after the boiler undergoes an acid clean in the near future to remove rust and other foreign particles from the boiler water and steam piping. The firing of the gas burners was controlled from the Loy Yang Control Centre and both SEC and ICAL Commissioning engineers were involved.

## Table tennis trophy time



Moe Table Tennis Association finals winners with trophies. At centre, association president Rob Van Elden, left, presents A grade singles runner-up Wasyl Prokopiwskyi with his trophy.

COMMISSION personnel were to the fore at Moe Table Tennis Association finals.

Winner of the A grade single competition was Rob Aitken, an engineer with Commissioning at Loy Yang. Runner-up was Wasyl Prokopiwskyi, acting plant engineer with Morwell coal production.

And a team of Rob Aitken, Steven

Agius, technical officer with Transmission Operations, and apprentice cook Stuart Walsh were runners-up in the A grade team event.

Steve, who is vice-president of the association, said it was the association's first year in the Moe indoor recreation centre and young players had been recruited as a result.

The association had been using the Hernes Oak public hall since 1972.



# First Valley inter-station fire fighting competition held

THE Commission's first-ever Latrobe Valley inter-station fire fighting competition was held in Morwell last month.

Sixteen teams competed in the competition which was run along similar lines to the Australian Fire Protection Association's annual competition held in Melbourne each year.

Yallourn W power station 1, 2 and 3 teams, which were formed to take part in the competition, took first, second and third places in the four man hose event.

## Team's coach

The Yallourn W No 1 team also took second place in the three man dry hose event and the team's coach, Bill Grasse, won the one man extinguisher event.

The Yallourn W No 1 team were also the winners of the champion team shield which was donated by the SEC Credit Union. Yallourn power station's No 1 team won the three man dry hose event.

Yallourn power station and Yallourn W each entered three teams for the competition, Morwell briquette and power entered four, Hazelwood and Loy Yang power stations and Yallourn open cut each fielded two teams.

Competition co-ordinator Norm Abbott, electrical operations officer at



*The Yallourn W no 3 team, which took third place in the four man wet hose event, receives trophies from General Manager, Production, Don Clark. The team comprises, left to right: unit controller Paul Maxwell; plant attendants Jeff Williams and Tony Frendo; and assistant unit controller Paul Steele.*

Hazelwood power station, said the competition was held to foster interest in fire fighting and encourage fire fighting teams to compete against each other to improve their skills.

The competition resulted from initiatives taken by power station operations officers who formed a

working group to organise the competition.

Norm said it was intended that the competition would become an annual event.

The competition was held at the Country Fire Authority's training track at Maryvale Reserve, Morwell.

## THESE TEAMS KNOW THEIR DRILL



*Rural services section employees who make up Nos 1 and 2 fire fighting teams. No 2 team is at the back.*

EMPLOYEES from rural services section at Yallourn showed they know their drill in a recent Country Fire Authority competition.

One team took first place in the competition and the other team scored fourth place.

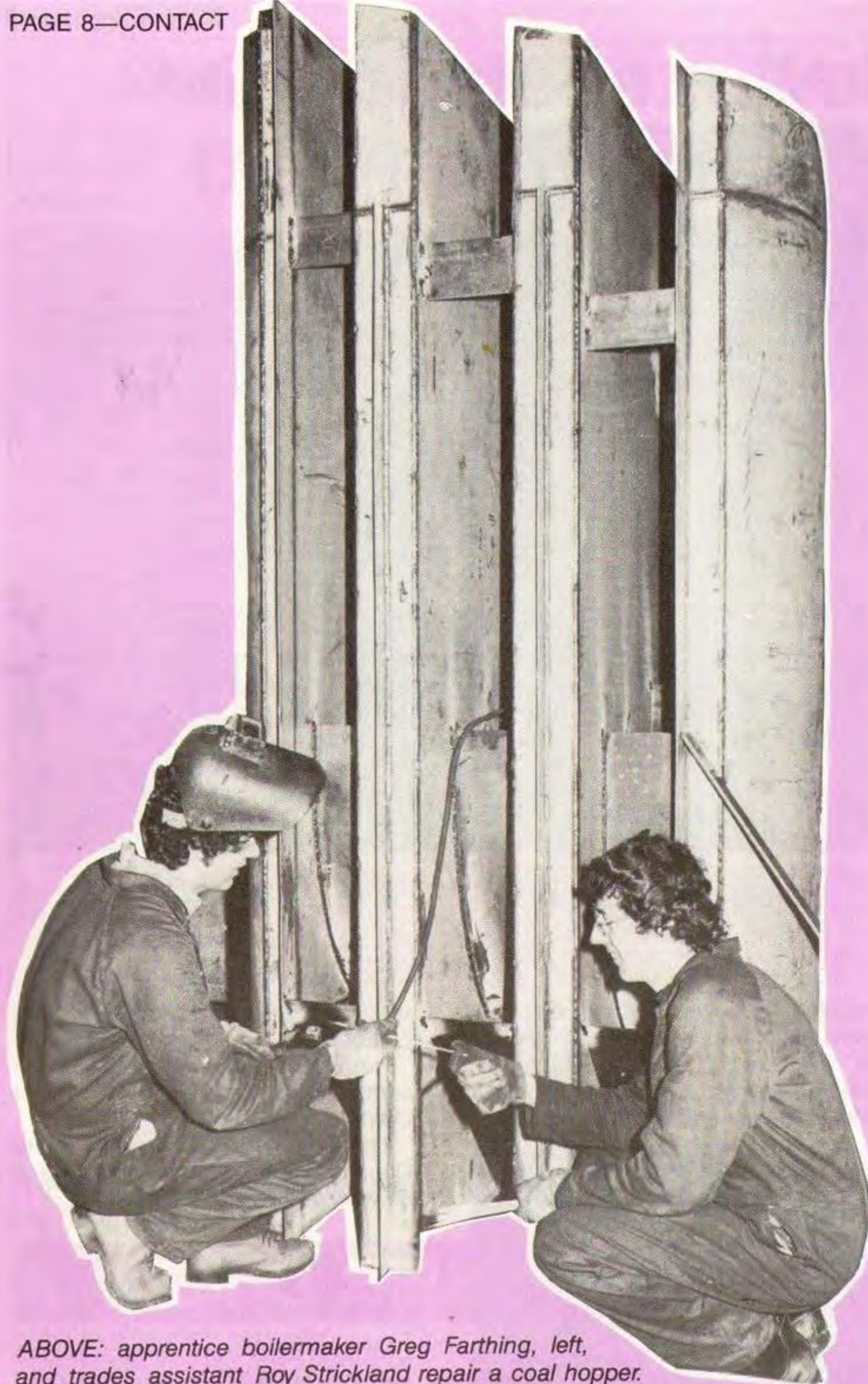
The competition was a Traralgon CFA group competition and 11 teams took part.

The winning rural services number 2 team was led by Boyd Tabuteau and comprised the following: Jock Twaddle, Norm Green, Dal Grant, John Kelly and Christ Mynard.

The number 1 team was led by Steve Webster and comprised Jim Twaddle, Don Pilcher, Ken Williams, Trevor Ward, Chris Gibson and Otto Pivato.

The competition took place at Willung South and covered about 40 kilometres. The crews were judged on overall efficiency, map reading and leadership.





ABOVE: apprentice boilermaker Greg Farthing, left, and trades assistant Roy Strickland repair a coal hopper.



Fitter and turner Gennady Starikov sets a shaft in a lathe.

## Workshops bring a wide range of skills to varied tasks

The Central Workshops at Yallourn and Morwell provide a 24 hour, 365 days a year service to the Production Group of Departments. This month Contact looks at the work of the Yallourn workshops.

About 600 people are employed in the workshops in a wide variety of occupations, including those of boilermakers, machinists, fitters, welders, coppersmiths, blacksmiths, crane drivers, riggers, trades assistants and drivers, with supportive planning and supervisory personnel. Of equal variation are the several thousand work requests attended to annually.

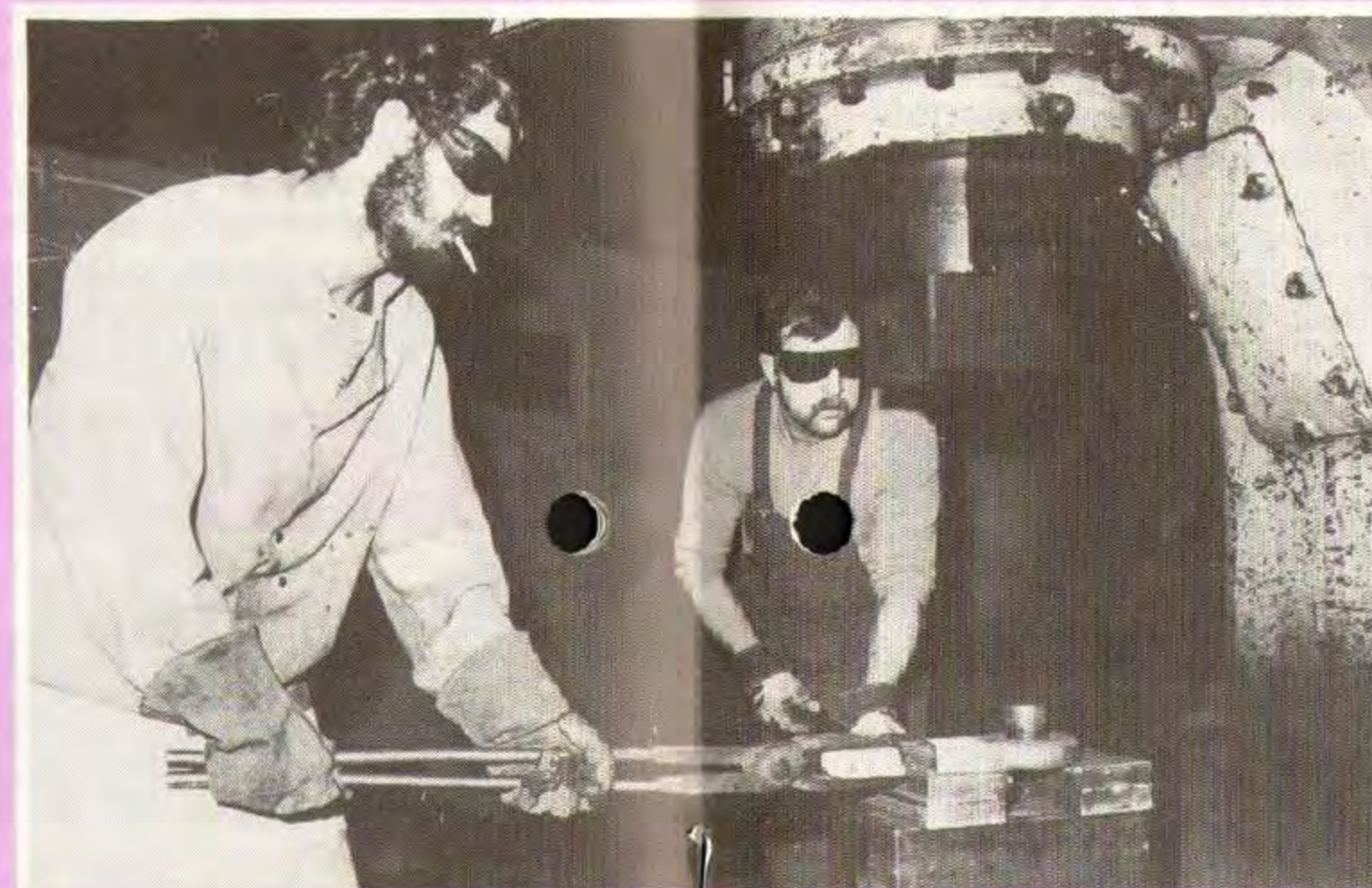
The workshops are broadly concerned with providing a manufacturing and maintenance service to power generation units, coal winning plants and associated equipment.

### Precision machining

Traditional skills like those of the blacksmith are used while the computer age has arrived, too, in the operation of numerical control machines to provide precision machining and scheduling of work activities.

Senior workshops supervisor Vern Wiggins said the nature of the workload had changed over the years and as power stations had increased in size the scale of the work had grown. Turbine rotors, for example, handled by the heavy machine section, have greatly increased in size and the workshop's largest lathe had to be extended by about eight meters to cope with them.

Vern added that dealing with larger items of plant also created the need for special safety precautions.



Blacksmith Ted Byl, left, and trades assistant Darryl Lewis at work in the forge.

Proper utilisation of floor space is becoming increasingly important with the number of jobs and amounts of material moving through the workshop at all times.

Among the general machining, fitting and fabrication operations are unique facilities to enable turbine blade refurbishment, rotating element balancing, plasma arc metal profiling, specialised welding, heat treatment, metal spraying and spring making.

Other areas of the workshops include a foundry, a coal truck locomotive section while some workshop personnel are based at Hazelwood power station for on site machining activities.

Outside sections become involved in maintenance and modifications to various other production and services plant. A current project involves strengthening of the Yallourn raw coal bunker.

Training in all aspects of the workshop activity is provided for a large group of apprentices.



ABOVE: machinist Peter Williams operates the controls of a numerical control machine.



Boilermaker Tony Tuck at work in the coal truck/locomotive section.



# AWARD SUCCESSES AT MELBOURNE SHOW



*ABOVE: Peter Felstead's efforts helped win awards at the Royal Melbourne Show.*

*LEFT: Jeanette Hasse's horse won two placings in its first Show appearance.*

TWO Commission employees had award successes at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Word processing operator with Personnel Division Jeanette Hasse won two third placings in her first attempt at showing her own horses at the show.

Her award winning horse, Eden Vale Kamahl, was up against strong competition from all over Australia in his first Royal Show appearance.

Jeanette, who has helped show other people's horses at previous Royal Shows, said the horse had been bought and educated six months before the show.

To qualify for the show, the horse had to win a number of

awards at local agricultural shows.

Jeanette is an instructor with Traralgon Pony Club. She and her husband, Tom, breed horses at Traralgon.

Yallourn coal production timekeeper Peter Felstead looked after five cows and a bull for the entire 10 days of the Show and they rewarded his efforts with three firsts, four seconds and two third prizes.

Peter had to feed, milk and muck out for the animals until Show day. He looked after the animals for their owner, Ray Howe of Drouin, who has shown successfully at previous Royal Shows.

## Family day at Loy Yang

FAMILIES of Loy Yang coal production employees recently got a chance to look round the open cut.

The Coal Road Social Club organised a family open day with bus tours of the open cut and an inspection of workshops areas.

The 100 or so people who attended also enjoyed a barbeque, a fun run and an adventure walk.



*ABOVE: These children enjoyed themselves at the family open day.*



*LEFT: President of the Coal Road Social Club Fred Martin, right, presents a trophy to Ian Coad, engineer with mechanical maintenance section, who won the fun run. Also in the picture is Maureen Newnham, winner of the adventure walk, who is married to development engineer Ian Newnham.*



## Ten years on club goes from strength to strength

COMMISSION personnel were well to the fore in ensuring a successful year for the Latrobe Valley branch of the Uncle Bob's Club.

Fund-raising ventures over the past year have increased the club's income, which goes to help sick and handicapped children.

For the first time the club held a strike-a-thon at the Morwell Ten Pin Bowling Club which raised \$2,760. A total of more than \$20,000 was raised by this and other events, including more than \$15,000 from a Good Friday appeal.

Laurie Coulson, who works with Morwell coal production, is the club's president; Graham Viney, a fireman at Morwell power station is treasurer; and



*THE annual meeting of the Latrobe Valley branch of Uncle Bob's Club also doubled as a tenth anniversary celebration. Members with the birthday cake, are, left to right: inaugural member Fred Thompson, an operator at Hazelwood power station; member Ron Guy, a fireman at Morwell power station; treasurer Graham Viney, a fireman at Morwell power station; president Laurie Coulson, of Morwell coal production; inaugural member George Tatchell, Stores, Yallourn; inaugural member Wayne Vayse, Morwell power station operator; committee member Ron Whennen, a trimmer at Morwell power station; and member Keith Davies, a cleaner at Morwell central workshops.*

Wayne Vayse, an operator at Morwell power station, is vice president.

Committee members are Ron Whennen, an operator at Morwell power station; Ron Guy, a fireman at

Morwell power station; and Fred Thompson, an operator at Hazelwood power station.

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact any of the above.

## TEAM EFFORT MEANT A SMOOTH MOVE

THE Technical Services Division of Production Services Department joined forces with personnel from Civil Works, Loy Yang, and Transport, Morwell, when the division moved to a new location in Morwell Administration Centre.

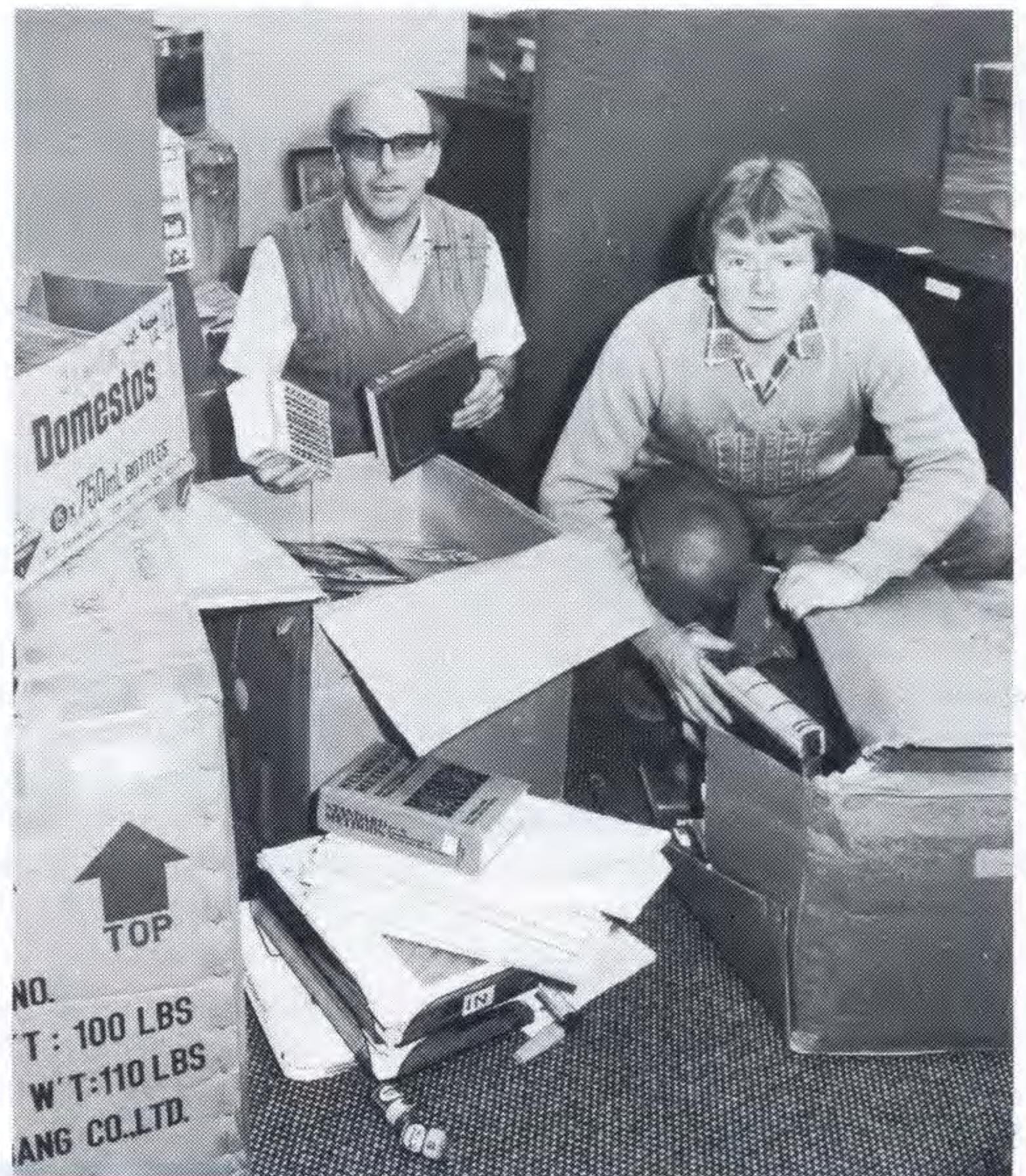
Divisional administration officer Ben Sutcliffe said the move had taken place over two days and had gone smoothly, with no reports of anything being broken. Included in the move was a considerable amount of delicate computer hardware and fragile vibration monitoring equipment.

The division was located in the Civil Services building at Loy Yang while the division was being assembled. It has now transferred to wing 2 upper in the administration centre. The division will be moving again in about six months' time into permanent accommodation at the Technical Services Centre in Morwell, which is currently being completed.

The division consists of five sections: metallurgy, chemical services, controls, developmental, and environmental.

Divisional head Jeff Anderson expressed his thanks and appreciation to all personnel involved in the transfer, adding that a minimum of disruption had occurred to the division's everyday work routine.

*CHEMIST Joe Verhagen, left, and scientific assistant Ross Brooker pack books for the move from Loy Yang to Morwell.*



### • From page 6 Simulator team

being investigated is the plants cold run-up technique. The simulator is used to ascertain different procedures which would reduce

water wastage.

In the long run the simulator will save the Commission money. Having more effective training results in more efficient operation of the Loy Yang plant and obvious economic benefits. Also the operating staff will be able

to maintain their proficiency and familiarity with complex plant.

Afternoon training is carried out by Bob Smith and Roy Taylor, both experienced Loy Yang unit controllers seconded to the simulator for a 12 month period.



# Club Notes...

## Hazelwood power station

SUNDAY, December 2, is the proposed date for the annual picnic at the Yinnar sports oval. The day will feature the usual show rides, ice-creams, donuts and foot racing as well as the ever-popular Santa Claus, who will make his annual visit at about 3pm. Free barbecues and hot water facilities will be available for the members and their families.

At present about 940 children will be receiving Christmas presents supplied by the social club.

## SEC Lightning Cricket Competition

The proposed date for the K.O. is Sunday February 24 in the Morwell/Hazelwood area. Last year 26 teams took part with the Hazelwood Stick Eagles winning the Cup. This year they feel confident of keeping this handsome trophy at Hazelwood. Any SEC area or department may enter a team. Further details can be obtained from Laurie Williams, Chem Lab Hazelwood 5176.

## Morwell briquette and power

A WIDE range of household, sporting and other goods from L.H. and P. Distributors can now be ordered through the club and other clubs in the Commission.

## Main Office, Yallourn

The Christmas picnic will be held at Darkie Wilson's at Boolarra on November 18, and the Christmas social will take place on December 14 at the Gala Restaurant at Moe. There will be a smorgasbord and tickets will be \$20 a double for members.

## Central workshops, Yallourn

Apex Park, Moe, will be the venue for the Christmas picnic on December 16. You can bring your own barbecue, although barbecue facilities will be available. The Christmas ball will take place on December 21 at the Gala Restaurant, Moe. A smoke night and a trip to the zoo are also planned and, if enough people are interested there will be a night out at the cinema in Morwell. If you want to go along, contact Arthur Grech on 2278, Vic Kulibaba on 2560 or Julius Plavins on 2687.

## Yallourn power station

A visit to Merimbula by bus will take place over November 16, 17 and 18 and the date for the Christmas picnic is December 2 at the Morwell football ground.

## Morwell staff

The Christmas picnic will be held on December 2 at Darkie Wilson's at Boolarra.

## FOR SALE

1984 Nissan Bluebird GX wagon — as new. Only done 10,000 km. 6 months factory warranty left. Sapphire blue with beige trim. Chrome roof rack and sun roof. Immaculate condition. \$9,950. Phone Paul Bowles, Yallourn power station on 4292 or 34 6142 after hours.

50,000 litre concrete water tank for removal. Best offer. Davey household pump Dynajet 50. \$250 ono. Phone Graeme Gilbert, after hours, (056) 35 2354.

Workshop manuals: No 86 Holden HK, HT, HG, \$10; No 145 Torana 1600 — 1760 LC, LJ, TA, \$10. Rear Louvres to suit LC or LJ Torana, \$25. Set of fog lights, 100 W oblong, \$20. Four electric motors 1/3 hp, ex washing machines, \$6 each. Three metre Wayfarer caravan, Bondwood, three berth, \$350. Landrover series I, well cared for. All original. Five months rego RWC. \$1600. All offers considered. Alec Wood, PR, Morwell. Work 35 3244, Home 74 2117.

**Wanted to buy:** Saxophone B flat, alto. Good brand, good quality. Alec Wood. Work 35 3244, Home 74 2117.

Pumpkin, lettuce, cabbage and silver beet seedlings for sale. Motor mowing done. Reasonable rates, \$10 or \$15 depending on size of lawn. Two push bikes for sale, standard size. Contact Sid or Andrew Osborne, 23 Butters Street, Morwell. Phone 34 2861.

Sony tape recorder (reel to reel) plus nine long playing tapes. Very good condition. \$80 ono. Phone 35 3725.

The Commission's lease inspector, George Randall, said he had received a number of complaints of birds attacking employees in the works area and most of the incidents involved magpies.

His advice was that the birds should not be attacked as this only made them more aggressive.

George stressed that the birds were protected by the Fisheries and Wildlife Department and could only be destroyed by wildlife officers or the police.

He referred to a recent newspaper article which quoted a New South Wales wildlife extension officer that magpies were not naturally aggressive towards humans and only birds in urban areas that had previously been ill-treated became aggressive when the nesting season arrived.

The wildlife officer suggested that attempts should be made to befriend the birds by leaving meat or cheese for them.

## ROADWORKS TO BEGIN IN NEW YEAR

ROADWORKS for the Morwell section of the Princes Freeway will begin in the vicinity of the No 2 gate car park in January.

The first phase of the works will include a temporary connection road and part frontage road and an access road to the Administration Centre and Visitors' Centre car parks.

From March the new access road to the Administration Centre and Visitors' Centre car parks will be in operation through the No 2 gate car park.

The freeway project and associated roadworks will be carried out by the Road Construction Authority.

## Yallourn reunion

IT will be a time for swapping stories when former and present Yallourn power station employees get together again on Sunday, November 25.

The occasion will be a Back to Yallourn family open day to mark the 60th anniversary of power generation in the Latrobe Valley.

Buses will meet visitors at the main gate car park and there will be tours of the Yallourn power station and the open cut. Refreshments will be available.

The celebrations will be held between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm.

## NEWSLINES

### Getting the bird

THE arrival of warm weather has brought with it a crop of complaints about aggressive birds.



## Trans. Ops. group passes safety test

AREA Tests Group of Tests and Communications Section, Transmission Operations Department, recently celebrated the achievement of 500,000 manhours without a lost time injury.

The group, pictured right, consists of about 70 personnel engaged in electrical testing throughout the Latrobe Valley area as a service to all departments.

A major portion of their time is working with live electrical equipment and it is a credit to them that a group that is as diverse can perform safely for almost four years.

The industrial safety award of merit was presented to the group by Graham Boreham (Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations) and accepted by the group's representative Michelle Ford.

The group celebrated the



achievement with a chinese banquet at the Dragon Palace in Morwell.

Three groups at Morwell briquette and power have reached significant milestones. Electrical maintenance in

the power station have achieved five years without a lost time injury; form grinding in the briquette factory, 7½ years; and briquette distribution, 9 years.



### TAX CHEQUE DRAW WINNER CHOSEN



SEC Credit Union general manager Howard Betts, above, draws the lucky entry in a draw with a weekend at the Melbourne Hilton as its prize.

The draw was open to Credit Union members who put their tax cheques into a Credit Union account.

The winner was Michael Paynter, of Industrial Relations. With Howard Betts is David Drane of the Credit Union.

PRESENTS for under the tree, Christmas dinner, holidays in the sun, and then, before you know it, it's time to get the kids back to school. It's great fun but, as we all know, it's also very expensive.

If you're wondering how you are going to cope this year, then you may need a loan. Perhaps you want just enough to handle the pre-Christmas shopping or maybe you have your eyes on a new boat, car or caravan to make your holiday more enjoyable.

Warden Mersey and his loans people at the SEC Credit Co-op are ready to help you with a loan that is easy to arrange, convenient to repay and most of all, cheaper than comparable finance from other sources.

Members wishing to receive a loan need only drop into the credit co-op's Moe or Morwell office or ring and ask for the phone-a-loan service. Applications are generally processed within 24 hours so that you get your money quickly and without fuss.

The other convenient thing about SEC Credit Co-op loans is that with the appropriate authorisation, repayments are deducted straight from your pay. There is no need to remember to write cheques, put cash aside or leave time to call into the office — each pay it's all done for you — automatically.

If it sounds like the SEC Credit Co-op could help you, call in and see Warden and the loans staff soon. They will gladly answer any question you may have and who knows — Christmas may be all the merrier with a little help from your very own Credit Co-op.

## Make a date with the music makers

THE Victorian Concert Orchestra will be performing a concert of popular music at the Traralgon Town Hall on Sunday, November 25, starting at 2.30 pm.

Their performance, which will be free, will include music to suit all tastes and will feature soprano Margaret

Nisbett and baritone John Lidgerwood.

The program will include a selection from Marvin Hamlisch's 'A Chorus Line' and popular works by Rossini, Strauss and Elgar.

The orchestra is subsidised by the State Government. It was formed many years ago as a military band.

Among the musicians is former

Gippsland meter reader Bob McIntosh, who plays the trombone.

While working in the Gippsland region, Bob played with most of the brass bands in the region and a few dance bands. He now works with the commercial services unit of the Corporate Planning Directorate in Monash House.



# Service Register

Commission staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during October are included in the register

## 25 YEARS

Mac Dent	Hazelwood Power Station
Marven LaBrooy	Morwell Open Cut
Alan McIntyre	Hazelwood Power Station
Ken Jean	Hazelwood Power Station
John Blake	Briquette Factory, Morwell
Leslie Davis	Yallourn W Power Station
Thom McKernan	Central Workshops, Morwell

## 30 YEARS

Bob Musgrove	Area Security
Jack Ure	Yallourn Power Station
Alex Fievez	Technical Training
Dick Donchi	Maintenance Co-ordination
George Renwick	Yallourn Power Station
Johnny Efstratiou	Yallourn Open Cut
Michael Gatt	Yallourn W Power Station
Willy Hirsch	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Carmel Debono	Civil Works, Yallourn
Ron Hepburn	Yallourn Open Cut
Lloyd Harrison	Yallourn Open Cut

## 32 YEARS

Rudy Boskma	Yallourn Power Station
Merv French	Morwell Briquetting and Power
Ken Wardley	Yallourn Power Station
Ron Esler	Yallourn Power Station
Alan Taylor	Hazelwood Power Station
Roy Wheatley	Yallourn W Power Station

## 33 YEARS

Lou Allatt	Yallourn Open Cut
Alex Korab	Yallourn Open Cut
Ted McGuinniss	Transmission Services, LV
Kevin Green	Yallourn Power Station
Ron Whitmore	Yallourn Power Station

## 34 YEARS

Pat Byrne	Yallourn Power Station
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John McConachie	Electrical Services, Yallourn
Dimmy Misiurka	Yallourn Open Cut
Johnny Deagno	Yallourn North Open Cut

## 35 YEARS

Harry Lane	Civil Works, Yallourn
Wally Risol	Central Workshops, Yallourn
Harry Marshall	Yallourn North Open Cut
Keith Cook	Yallourn Open Cut
George Cahill	Rural Services, Yallourn

## 36 YEARS

Tom Warford	Civil Works, Yallourn
Ron Todhunter	Civil Works, Yallourn
Theo Zyhajlo	Yallourn Power Station
Max Baszczuk	Civil Works, Yallourn
Eric Brown	Yallourn Open Cut

## 37 YEARS

Keith Collins	Central Workshops, Yallourn
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## 38 YEARS

Bill White	Fire Services, Yallourn
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## 39 YEARS

Ken Passey	Yallourn Power Station
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## 40 YEARS

Morrie Williams	Morwell Open Cut
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## 41 YEARS

Steve Lovison	Yallourn Open Cut
Vern Wiggins	Central Workshops, Yallourn

## 42 YEARS

Don Decarli	Civil Works, Yallourn
Jim Pearless	Central Workshops, Yallourn

## 46 YEARS

Karl Smith	Central Workshops, Yallourn
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## ONE FROM THE FOOTBALL ARCHIVES

THERE are no prizes for guessing that this picture was taken some years ago.

It is a photograph of a match which took place between two teams from Yallourn coal production mechanical maintenance at the Newborough Oval.

### Played

The picture was loaned by Pat Shine, of mechanical maintenance, who played in the game. Pat saw a picture of one of the teams in the June issue of Contact and dug out this photograph.

Any readers with old photographs with a Commission connection are welcome to submit them for publication.



Action from the Yallourn coal production mechanical maintenance football match which took place in about 1957.





# retirements



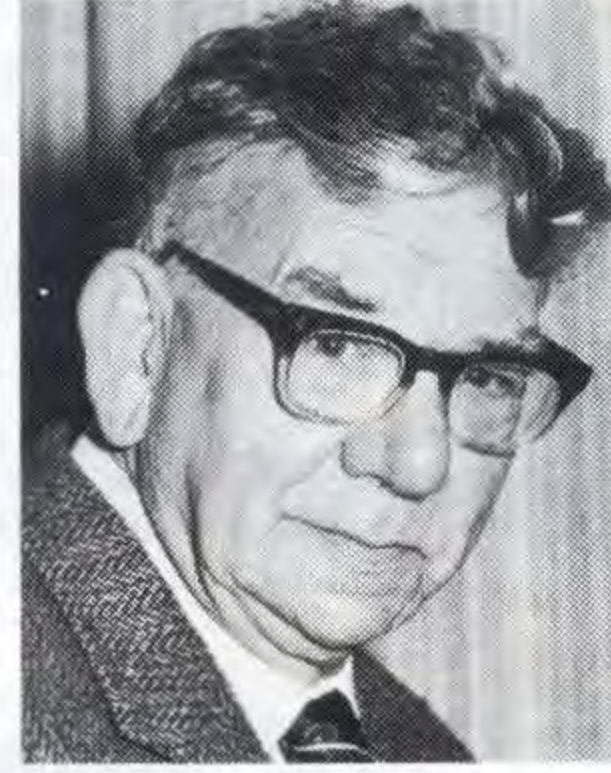
Lionel Chewe intends to settle down near Adelaide now that he has retired after 25 years' service, but before that quite a lot of travelling is planned. Lionel began his career as a survey draftsman at Yallourn, joining coal production as a draftsman soon afterwards. He retired as a planning officer with Yallourn coal production. Woodworking and reading will be among his retirement pursuits.



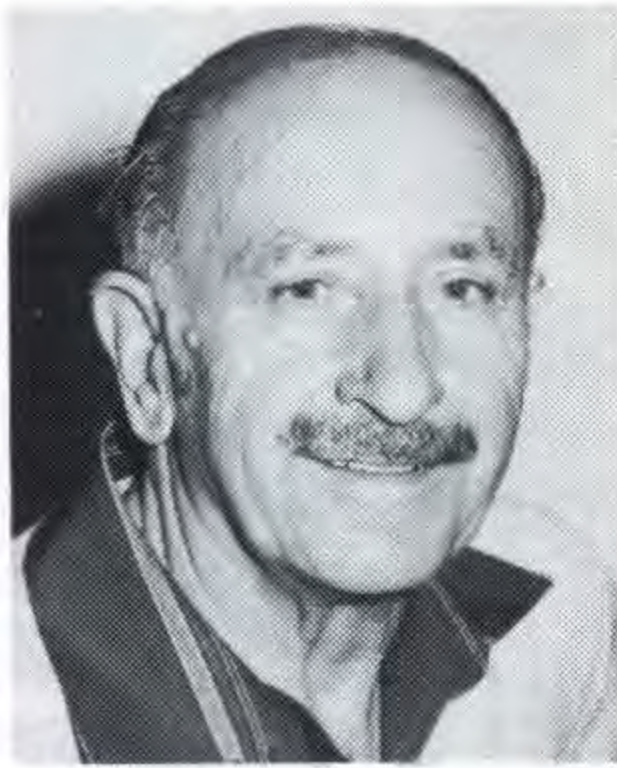
One of the original maintenance team members at Yallourn W power station, Peter Dyt, has retired after 22 years. He joined the Commission as a cleaner at Yallourn power station and in 1962 he became a rigger, transferring to Yallourn W in 1973. At a function at the west mess, Yallourn, Peter was presented with an impact drill, garden setting and a barometer, hydrometer and thermometer.



Touring Australia in his camper van and visiting his son in Miami will be among Jack Hewson's retirement activities. He started 30 years ago as a cleaner at Yallourn briquette works and retired as an operator with Morwell briquette and power. Jack was presented with a wallet and cheque at a farewell send-off.



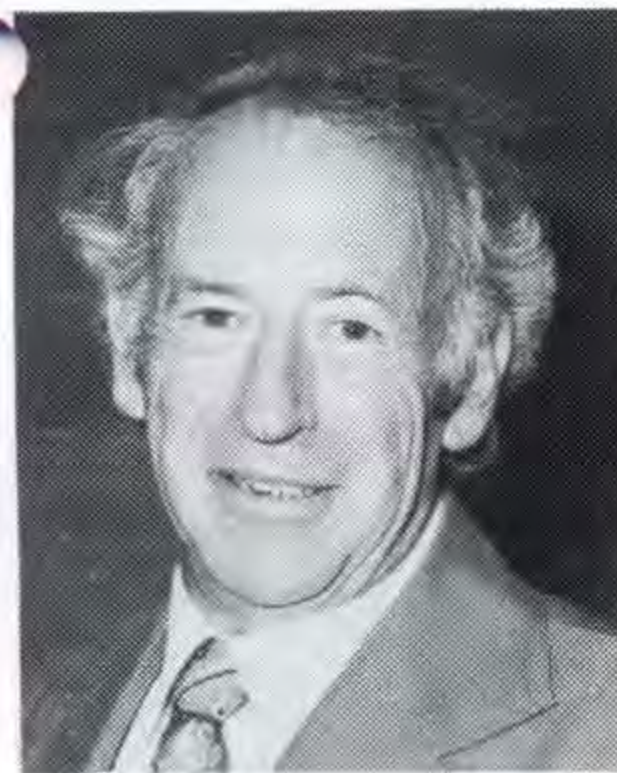
Alan Craven began his career with the Commission 32 years ago as a turbine fitter at Yallourn C power station. He moved to Morwell power station at the start of operations there as a foreman in the boiler house and retired as an overseer with the mechanical maintenance section at Morwell. Visiting relatives in Britain and touring Europe are among his retirement plans. He was presented with a wallet and cheque.



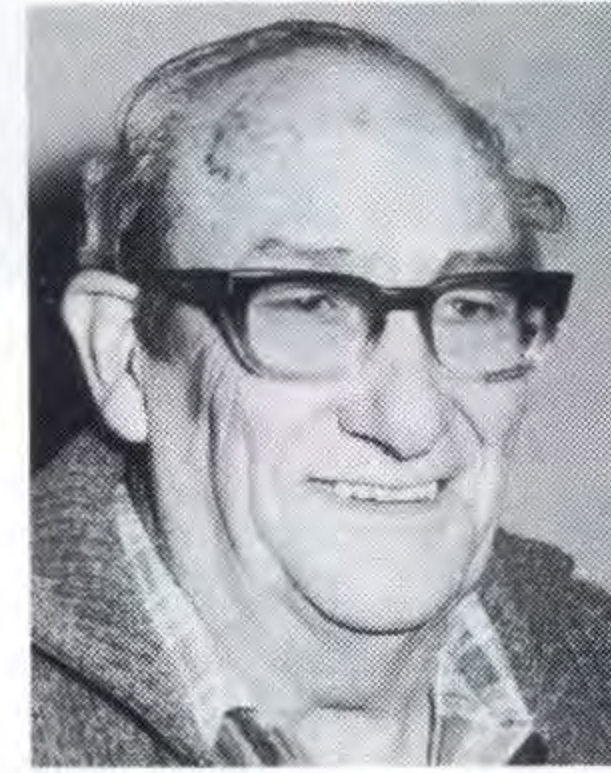
Fireman with Morwell briquette and power Matt Kolaric has retired after 25 years. Matt started with the Commission as a labourer with Yallourn North open cut. He was presented with a wallet and cheque at a farewell sendoff.



Ron Jakobi intends caravanning around Australia now that he has retired after 20 years. Ron began his career as a track man with Morwell open cut and retired as a pump man there. He was presented with a car tools kit at a farewell get-together with his colleagues. Carpentry will be among his retirement pursuits.



Col Grix has retired after 34 years with the Commission. He joined as a driver with Transport Yallourn, and retired as transportation officer with Materials and Services, Area Administration Department. A keen fisherman, Col was presented with fishing rods and a reel.



Shift foreman with Yallourn open cut Mick Hender has retired from the Commission after 36 years' service. He began as a laborer with Yallourn open cut. At a farewell function, Mick's colleagues presented him with two paintings.



Growing orchids will be among the retirement interests of 'Tiger' Pettingill who has retired after 34 years. 'Tiger' joined the Commission in 1950 as a fitter and turner with Yallourn coal production and retired as a foreman there. He was presented with a wallet and cash at a farewell function with his workmates.



The electric plane Harold Hopkins was presented with by his colleagues in patrol will be useful in Harold's hobby of carpentry. He began with the Commission in 1947 at Yallourn as a carpenter and joined the staff of patrol in 1958. He retired as a senior patrolman at Yallourn.





The winning Loy Yang A power station side.

BELOW: the Valley 8 team.



## CRICKET WIN TO LOY YANG

A TEAM representing Loy Yang A power station won the first-ever Latrobe Valley mid week indoor cricket finals competition between Latrobe Valley shift workers.

The Loy Yang power station team scored 64 runs to defeat their opponents, Valley 8, who scored 38 runs.

The finals were played at the Traralgon Indoor Cricket Centre at Queens Parade.

The winning team was captained by Loy Yang A power station charge engineer John Lyon and the following players, all of them from Loy Yang power station operations: unit attendant Stuart Glen; plant operators Keith Foster, Gavin Matthews, Derek Hewling and Mike Burgiel; and assistant unit controllers Trevor Postlewaite and Dennis Oakley.

Unit controller Bob Smith and assistant unit controllers Andrew Brandon and Colin Thorburn played for the team during the competition.

The Valley 8 team was captained by Yallourn central workshops machinist Stephen Bahagiar and comprised the following: machinists Anthony Faltun, Matt Hallinen and Chris Mathison, all from Yallourn central workshops; plant operators Daryl Brand, Alan Standing and Dick Brown from Morwell briquette and power and Ron Paterson of the indoor cricket centre.

## Hawthorn award goes to apprentice

FORMER Latrobe Valley electrical apprentice Greg Dear has won Hawthorn's best and fairest reserves team award. And he hopes to play senior football next season.

Greg, pictured right, moved to Melbourne half way through the 1984 football season.

"I was travelling down to Melbourne three times a week and it was a bit hard to cope with", he said.

"I think the fact that I'm not having to do the travelling helped my game but I was surprised to be named best and fairest. It is the first time I have won such an award.

"I hope to play senior football next season. It depends on practice matches and how I train pre-season."

Greg is a fourth year apprentice with the electrical section at Richmond power station.

He joined Hawthorn from Traralgon Football Club. He had previously played for the Mid Gippsland Club, Churchill.

