

CONTACT

GENERATION
VICTORIA

CONTACT MAY 12, 1994

Generation businesses to be separate

Government decisions announced this week carry Generation Victoria into the most significant part of the overall reform process

Victoria's generating capacity will be separated into individual generating units before being corporatised for independent operation, Minister for Energy and Minerals, Mr Plowman, announced yesterday.

Six business divisions to be established from July 1, 1994 include:

- A gas business (comprising Newport and Jeeralang power stations);
- A hydro business;
- Loy Yang A power station and Loy Yang mine;
- Hazelwood power station and Morwell mine;
- Yallourn W power station and Yallourn mine;
- Trading interests for Snowy, Loy Yang B and other existing contracts.

Existing corporate cost structures will shift to the individual businesses, with a view to their operating autonomously.

It is also envisaged that each business will trade independently in the market, selling electricity directly to large consumers and distribution businesses and participating in the wholesale market for short term sales.

Each division will have its own management structure.

Copies of the Minister's statement are being distributed within all business units.

General Manager Operations Frank Martin will play a full-time lead role as Generation Victoria moves to implement the announced reform program.

Chief Executive Officer Pearce Bowman said implementation issues would be explored at a management conference today and tomorrow.

"People issues will be paramount, and - along with other managers - I intend to take time out to talk with as many employees as possible during next week on these developments and the process to be followed", he said.

National course coming for open cut operators

A team at Central Gippsland College of TAFE is breaking new ground in the history of open cut mining in Australia

A 12-member team at Central Gippsland College of TAFE is developing a training course which will be available to open cut operators in the Latrobe Valley, throughout Australia and overseas.

The unique project was launched last July with the formation of a team led by Generation Victoria's Ted Waghorne and TAFE project manager John Hanley.

Other team members are mine operators Wayne Sauer and Steve Abbott from Yallourn Mine; Kevin Beer and Paul Van-loon from Morwell Mine; Ted Lewellin and Rick Cester from Loy Yang Mine; TAFE module writers Phil Dickinson and Colin Wooton; consultant Ian Try, Associate Director Industry Training Box Hill College of TAFE Bert Daye and Box Hill curriculum consultant Carmel Ogle.

A workplace consultative committee, including union representatives, is dealing with course-related and implementation issues with mine training officers, together with their training commit-



Generation Victoria Mine Operator Steve Abbott, right, explains dredger bucketwheel teeth replacement to TAFE module writer Phil Dickinson.

tees, helping with proof reading training and technical advice.

TAFE project manager John Hanley said the course was based on already approved national competency standards.

The structure of the new Certificate in Open Cut Mining course will enable it to be tailored to meet other Australian and overseas industry requirements.

"The advantages will be that existing mine operators will gain a qualification which is portable and new operators will be given the means of obtaining new clearly defined competencies," John said.

Core competencies such as communication and occupational health and safety are included in the modules and supported by

electives and core plant modules including conveyer systems, operation of dredgers and mobile plant.

A feature of the course is the provision for on-the-job training, mentoring and assessment by Generation Victoria employees.

John said the project was a joint effort by Generation Victoria writers and mine operators and TAFE teachers.

The certificate course is due to be completed by the end of this year and in operation by early 1995.

An advanced certificate course will also be developed to give operators a path to higher education and skills.

contents

2 Ex-SEC driver hooks new career from favourite hobby

3 HPS employees receive cash for achievements

4 Rally and footy get a helping hand from Loy Yang Power

CONTACT is published fortnightly for Generation Victoria Employees. Generation Victoria, a State-owned company, was previously the Production Group of the former State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

Editor
Gerald May (35) 3228

Photographer
Jenny Ritchie (35) 3623

Journalist
Laurie Williams (35) 3838

Enterprise bargaining

Enterprise agreements for all Generation Victoria Latrobe Valley-based business units have now been certified by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission with only new arrival - Vic Hydro - still to negotiate an agreement.

All Generation Victoria employees - except those at Loy Yang A, Loy Yang Project and Hazelwood - have received a 2.5 per cent pay increase following the successful implementation of agreed workplace changes.

Hazelwood employees will receive the payment in the first pay after May 11 while Loy Yang A and Loy Yang Project employees will receive the payment later this month - subject to audits showing they have also implemented agreed changes.



Sniff of oily rag

Four Loy Yang Power employees got a taste of working for a rally team during the recent Rally in the Valley.

The four were chosen to join the Wise/Wylie crew as part of Loy Yang Power's sponsorship of the team for the two day event.

Pictured are the Loy Yang Power team members working on the Ford Sierra at the Toongabbie Football Ground. From left, Warren Saunders, Grant Pettigrew, Robert Boothman and Grant's son Mark. Missing is Colin Preston, who was in the roving service vehicle at the time.

See story, back page.

Smooth sailing for fisherman Garry

A former SEC employee has found it smooth sailing since starting his own business

Garry Graham reckons he's hooked a good thing. The former SEC driver says he's not looking back since taking a Voluntary Departure Package in November to launch a boat charter business with his father Glyn at Port Welshpool.

Contact ran a story about Garry's bid to turn his favourite hobby - fishing - into a job last year.

But Garry got in touch with us again recently to let everyone know that his business is up and running.

"I couldn't be happier, I'm really enjoying it," said Garry whose business, Southern Star Boat Charters, is already attracting many customers.

Garry said he was still thankful for the support he received from the SEC (as it was then) and the Loy Yang Job Search Centre.

"I wouldn't have been able to do anything like this without the help of the Job Search Centre.

"They offer all sorts of help and people should make sure they use it to their best and full advantage."

Garry said the only advice he could give employees keen to launch their own business venture would be to "do all your home-

work before going out and spending any money".

He said he had already learned how important it was to arrange publicity and make sure everything was ready before opening for business. He hasn't done too badly in the publicity stakes with a full page feature in the Latrobe Valley Express and two articles in Contact - and it didn't cost a cent.

So what can Southern Star Boat Charters offer?

A 40 foot high speed catamaran, the Southern Star, with a top speed of 27 knots can take you on fishing, diving or leisure trips around the Wilsons Promontory coastline.

The Southern Star has a fully equipped kitchen, dinette, lounge, a bathroom and four bedrooms - each with a double bed.

Charters are available from one day to seven days with costs from \$100 a day per person with everything provided - rods, reels, bait and lunch - except alcohol.

Southern Star Boat Charters has bookings for the next three months but some weekends are still available.

For more information give Garry a call, phone 34-6484.



Ex-SEC driver Garry Graham is now at the wheel of his own charter boat, Southern Star, which operates out of Port Welshpool.

Obituary

Tom Davey 1933-64

Last respects paid to former Hazelwood Power Station Training Manager

Former Hazelwood Power Station personality Tom Davey, 61, gave up his 12 month fight with cancer on April 22.

Tom was known as 'the Colonel' at Hazelwood due to his involvement with the Gippsland 13th Light Horse Association, being an honorary Colonel in that association. At one time Tom was also Commanding Officer of the 7FER Regiment (Army Reserve) Royal Australian Engineers at the Newborough base.

As well as his involvement with the army, Tom was a keen golfer and held the position of club treasurer at Yallourn Golf Club for many years.

He was also treasurer with the Moe Jazz Festival and earlier this year attended the festival even though he was an ill man.

Tom spent 38 years with the SEC. During his time spent at Hazelwood he was Technical Services Engineer and 3M Superintendent before retiring in October 1989 as Technical Training Manager.

Many former workmates and army reservists attended Tom's funeral on April 27.

The 38th Field Squadron, the 39th Engineers and Maintenance Squadron and members of TS Latrobe (Naval Reserve) formed a guard of honor.

He is survived by his widow, Nancy.

Letter

I wish to thank all Yallourn Open Cut people for the lovely farewell they gave me on my retirement.

I'd like to thank all those who helped and supported me over the past 15 years. I made heaps of friends and hopefully not too many enemies.

The last 15 years and 13 days of my life has revolved around the Yallourn Open Cut and YOC Social Club. I have enjoyed it and got a lot of pleasure from it.

Once again, thank you to all my fellow workers and if there is anything I can do to help the Social Club, as a life member, I will be only too willing to help.

Mary Jones



Power years rewarded

Hazelwood Power Station employees rewarded for 30 years service to power industry



A group of Hazelwood employees were rewarded for 30 years service to both the SEC and Generation Victoria at a ceremony held recently at Hazelwood. The nine, pictured, were each presented with engraved gold watches and the Sir John Monash biography.

The recipients were Operators Alan McMillan, George Pearce and Bruce Stephenson, Unit

Contollers Bob Goldie and Mick Booth, Fitter Lou Pedrolini, Work Planner/Supervisor Mike Andrijczak, Operator Trainer Ron Whyte and Coppersmith David Mitchell.

During the presentation each told a story about changes within the power industry during their 30 years with SEC/Generation Victoria.

Doug a hole in one shot

One hundred and fifty golfers compete in 1994 Power Industry Golf Championships

A rare hole-in-one was a feature of the 1994 Power Industry Championships held at the Yallourn Golf Club last month.

Doug Cornell scored the perfect shot on the 17th hole. More than 150 golfers competed in the Power Industry Golf Championships (formerly the SEC Social League four-ball golf championships).

Representatives from Generation Victoria, National Electricity and Electrical Services Victoria competed and eight power industry affiliate companies (Energy Brix, Mission Energy, Transfield, Skilled Engineering, Siemens/Silcar, Fisher Stewart, Linfox and Beltline) were represented.

Major event winners were: 4BBB Champions - Rueben Kincaid-Gary Sullivan (Energy Brix/National Electricity). Grade winners - Fred Jewkes/Jim Forrester (Generation Victoria). A Grade runner-up - Bill Estrada-Joe

Balzan (Generation Victoria). B Grade runner-up - Bryan Lalor-Neville Robinson (retired).

A Grade second runner-up Bill Hewitt-Noel Edwards (Retired). B Grade second runner-up - David Utting-Bruce Lawn (Generation Victoria). A Grade third runner-up - Reno Borg-John Jewkes (Generation Victoria). B Grade third runner-up - Ross Bertoli-John Dunkin (Skilled Engineering)

Best nine out A Grade - Laurie Hall-Ray Winter (Energy Brix). B Grade - Terry McDonald-Brian Hutton. Best nine in A Grade - John Horrocks-Darren Spiteri (Generation Victoria). B Grade - Harry Clark- Laurie Chubb (retired).

Nearest the pins 5th-Bill Estrada, 7th-Dave Soutar, 12th-Neil Lawson, 17th-Doug Cornell (hole in one)

The Power Industry State and Latrobe Valley championships are scheduled for the Yallourn Golf Club in late November 1994.

Entry forms for the three day event for affiliates will be available in late August. Further enquiries can be obtained from Ken Flanigan 27-6792 or Ivan Harris 34-4583.

Dusting off Hazelwood's history

A group of employees
are dusting off
Hazelwood Power
Station's past

Thirty years of Hazelwood's "grimy" past are being catalogued by archivists.

The Hazelwood Power Station archives committee began in January 1994 with the aim of bringing some order to the accumulated records building up in storage since the station opened.

The project is based in what is called "The Dungeon", in the Hazelwood admin building.

The team, which varies between six and 10 members, has been processing records and transferring information on to a database.

More than 6000 items, mostly files, have been processed and added to the database, representing 66 linear metres of records which will need to be kept for the life of the station.

Some records will survive longer as an enduring archival record of the station and its achievements.

About 20 linear metres of records have been set aside as having no further value.

Included in the materials proc-



Sorting through Hazelwood's past. Front: Tony Bogan and Josephine Marek. Back: Graham Viney and Bob Whitmore.

essed are two large 'Registry Filing Systems', reports and various other sets of records, and instrumentation charts - of which 4000 have been processed and 1300 entered into the database.

About 50 per cent of the material has been catalogued, but more

boxes have come in to be sorted since the project commenced.

Project managers are the Australian Science Archives Project (ASAP), a national organisation with offices at the Melbourne University and the Australian Academy of Sciences in Canberra.



First chemist re-visits past

First SEC chemist
returns to look over the
remains of Yallourn

The SEC's first analytical chemist in the Latrobe Valley, Alex Jaensch, made a whistle-stop tour of Generation Victoria earlier this month.

Ninety one year-old Alex, the first chemist to be appointed to the SEC's Yallourn 'diggings', was just 18 years of age when he was sent to Yallourn in 1921 to set up his office in a tent.

Among other things, Alex pioneered testing and taking of water and coal samples in the Yallourn area - and ensured that water from the Latrobe River was safe to drink.

During his three-year stint in the "bush" of Yallourn, Alex saw and photographed many of the buildings and places of interest of that era. He has lost none of his passion for photography.

In Yallourn when the site for the proposed 'A' Station was being levelled, Alex returned several decades later in 1969, when the station closed.

He recalls another occasion on which he and his boss, John McMahon, climbed the unguarded briquette factory chimney to take photographs of the then tent city of Yallourn.

Using his professional skills to advantage, Alex manufactured his own chemicals for developing and printing photographs.

His collection covers hundreds of original negatives of Yallourn's early days (many of his photographs are reproduced in the book



Alex Jaensch as an 18 year-old sitting on the steps of his "tent" lab.

by former Power Station Manager Col Harvey - Yallourn Power Station...A History.)

After Alex left the SEC in 1924 he bought a picture theatre in Belgrave and continued to manage it for more than 40 years.

Today, the spritely Alex lives at Point Lonsdale, overlooking the Port Phillip Bay "rip".

Cash reward for achievers

Four employees from
Morwell Mine have
been rewarded
for outstanding
achievements

Morwell Mine has recognised the outstanding achievement of four of its employees by presenting each with \$1000.

Rob Vesty (Procurement and Contracts Officer), Steve Dowler (Human Resources Officer), Ian Quail (Senior Coal Supervisor) and Chris Barfoot received the awards for significant contribu-

tions to improvement within their work-groups.

Rob Vesty's award was for reduction of inventory levels from \$16 million to below \$6 million without adverse affect on his section or operations. He also halved the annual inventory management and procurement costs and established an efficient and reliable spare parts service needed to keep plant functioning.

Steve Dowler played a key role in developing a trusting culture by working closely with employees and improving the mine's safety performance. He also was a key driving force for the development of the Certificate of Open Cut Mining.

Ian Quail, who received his award for rationalising the amount of plant needed in the mine without compromising reliability or output, also contributed to achieving improved performances of Shift Production Supervisors, and - through innovative ideas - created opportunities for increased coal recovery.

Cost Control Officer Chris Barfoot identified a range of opportunities to introduce new technology that is more user-friendly, reliable and cost-efficient.

The awards will be presented annually to Morwell Mine personnel who make a significant contribution toward achieving business results.



Morwell Mine's Steve Dowler and Ian Quail congratulate each other on their awards.

Big award for HRL



Generation Victoria's Herman Research Laboratory received national recognition last month when it won the prestigious Sir William Hudson Award for the most outstanding engineering project in Australia.

The honour was awarded to HRL and Process Design and Fabrication Pty Ltd for their joint entry in the 1994 Engineering Excellence Awards.

Pictured are Bernard Anderson, Head of HRL's Coal Fired Turbine Project, left, and Colin Stucley from Process Design and Fabrication receiving the awards from Sir Arvi Parbo (centre).

Mine circuit a rally highlight

The Morwell Mine stage proved popular with spectators and competitors in the recent Valley rally

The Loy Yang Power sponsored Graeme Wise/Helen Wylie team finished third in the 1994 Rally in the Valley, featuring two stages inside Morwell Mine, to clinch victory in the Victorian Rally Championship for the second successive year.

Wise/Wylie powered their V6 four-wheel-drive Ford Sierra around the course to come in four minutes 16 seconds behind the winners, husband and wife team of David and Kate Officer (Melbourne Uni. Car Club) in a Mitsubishi Turbo RS-E Lancer. Graeme and Helen finished

with enough points to take out the Victorian Rally Championship and to finish second overall in the Australian Championship.

The Rally in the Valley attracted 40 crews, with only 28 completing the gruelling two-day event over 194 kilometres run in 10 stages in and around the Traralgon area.

The Morwell Mine featured in two stages.

Spectators were transported by buses to vantage sites within the Morwell Mine to get a close-up of the action-packed event, which was closely followed by local media, with spectators thoroughly enjoying the entertainment provided by the rally crews.

The Valley event, which counted for round six of the Australian Rally Championship and round four of the Victorian series, is run under regulations set down by Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS).

Footy team gets hand

Traralgon and District Junior Football League team will be proudly supported by Loy Yang

Power in the 1994 season



The Traralgon and District Junior Football inter-league team being sponsored by Loy Yang Power this season.

Traralgon and District Junior Football League (T&DJFL) under 16 inter-league players will carry a Generation Victoria/Loy Yang Power logo on their jumpers at matches played in Melbourne and throughout the Gippsland region.

The sponsorship marks an important milestone for the TDJFL, which this year celebrates the League's 40th year of service to the Traralgon community.

T&DJFL President Wayne Smith recognised the support of Loy Yang Power while speaking at a special honours dinner as part

of the recent past players weekend to celebrate the League's 40th anniversary.

Great players such as Bernie Quinlan, Kelvin Templeton, Geoff Raines, Neil and Brian Cordy and last year's Sandover Medallist Neil Mildenhall have all played in T&DJFL teams.

"Many children of Generation Victoria employees currently play in the junior competition and it's good for the Traralgon community in general that Loy Yang Power is supporting the junior league," said Wayne.

LY petrol heads experience rally

Loy Yang Power sponsorship of the Wise/Wylie rally team enabled four of its employees to join the rally crew for a weekend



Loy Yang Power Manager Brian Cole is briefed by rally driver Graeme Wise before the pair take a hair-raising ride around Morwell Mine in the Loy Yang Power-sponsored Ford Sierra, inset.

Employees from Loy Yang Power made their mark with the Wise/Wylie rally team in the recent Rally in the Valley.

Given the opportunity to tinker with a high performance motor car was too tempting for four petrol heads who joined the rally crew for the weekend.

Human Resources officer Grant Pettigrew said the Wise/Wylie team was very professional in its preparation of the vehicle.

"I was surprised how regularly

service crew members inspected the vehicle en route to ensure the best possible use of mechanics' available time at the finish of each rally stage", said Grant.

"I believe this is one of the reasons why Graeme Wise and Helen Wylie are so successful; the other teams didn't appear to be as well organised."

Grant said the media day - when the car went through 16 tyres (at \$220 each) - was a real highlight.

Lyrebirds winged

Local cricketers win half their matches played in international series in Fiji

The travelling Jeeralang Lyrebirds cricket team has returned from Fiji after contesting the prestigious Crompton Cup over Easter.

The team played four matches during their stay at Lautoka with a two win/two loss result. All four games were played on pitches of coconut fibre matting.

The Lyrebirds played Lautoka in their opening match, with the home side scoring 71. Eric Fleming bowled with venom and fire to finish with 4/12.

In reply the Gippsland side made 5/73, R.Davies topscoring with 33.

In the second match the Lyrebirds met Fiji's National team Suva 'A', bundling them out for a first innings 99.

The Lyrebirds didn't fare too well, scoring only 81, including 19 extras.

Against Sydney Police in game three, the Lyrebirds came up against a team including 10 members with Sydney grade cricket experience.

Batting first, Police showed their skill on matting, knocking up 8/172. In reply, Lyrebirds slumped to 8/37 before the tail wagged to add 55 for a final score of 92.

In the final match of the tour Lyrebirds took on New Caledonia and batted first, scoring an impressive 4/135 (declared).

New Caledonia could manage only 128, with Hazelwood's (Transfield) Tim Pianta taking 3/30 and Rob Bulmer 3/11.



Jeeralang Lyrebirds cricketers and their supporters, following a successful introduction to international cricket.

powerlines

MORWELL Mine's Overburden Group has for the first time reached 12 months without a lost time injury.

The Overburden Group achievement involved the equivalent of 140,000 work hours without an LTI.

The big turnaround in safety resulted from innovative programs with Health and Safety representatives who now:

- have more accountability to resolve problems and,
- are empowered to improve workplace conditions.

Some of the improvements stem from changes in workforce attitudes, with each of the 70 employees aware of changes taking place and which affect the Overburden Group.

Increased communication between workforce and management has seen reduction in costs and an increase in safety.

The group, which is not resting on its laurels, is aiming at 180,000 work hours without an LTI.

Bus shifted

THE shift bus service which runs from Moe/Newborough and Morwell to Hazelwood will cease operation from 7pm on Friday, May 27.

This service is being discontinued due to very low patronage and all known users have been advised of the service cancellation.

Bushfire appeal

GENERATION Victoria has presented a \$10,000 cheque to the Australian Red Cross Bushfire Appeal to help victims of the NSW bushfires.

A total of \$4,711 was contributed by employees with Generation Victoria donating the remainder of the \$10,000.

Employees who contributed to the appeal will receive receipts from the Red Cross in the next few weeks.

Scholarships

THE Generation Social League has announced secondary school scholarships for 1994.

Winners of the \$50 awards were:

Joel Ryan (HPS), Carlo Garcia (HRL), Isaac Giblett (HPS), Lisa Storer (Monash House), Brendan Tress (HPS), Roslyn Bishop (Coal Road), Robert Lazarevic (HPS), Tarin Maxfield (YOC), Melissa Parr (Loy Yang), Bridget Griffin (Loy Yang), Andrew Sherman (YOC), Alison Boskma (Morwell Staff).

Rahmat Laver (HPS), Kim Hansford (HPS), Scott Sice (HPS), Paul Hrynyszyn (HPS), Emma Pascoe (HPS), Lyall Brooks (Coal Road), Rachel Love (HPS), Phillip Dockerly (HPS), Christopher Warren (HPS), Louise Benjamin (HRL).

Rebecca Clayton (Monash House), Emily Harman (Monash House), Dean Plantzos (Newport), Emma Johnson (Newport), Ashley Mansell (Morwell Staff), Nerissa Brown (YOC), David Oliver (HRL) and Shayne Leahy (Workshops SC).