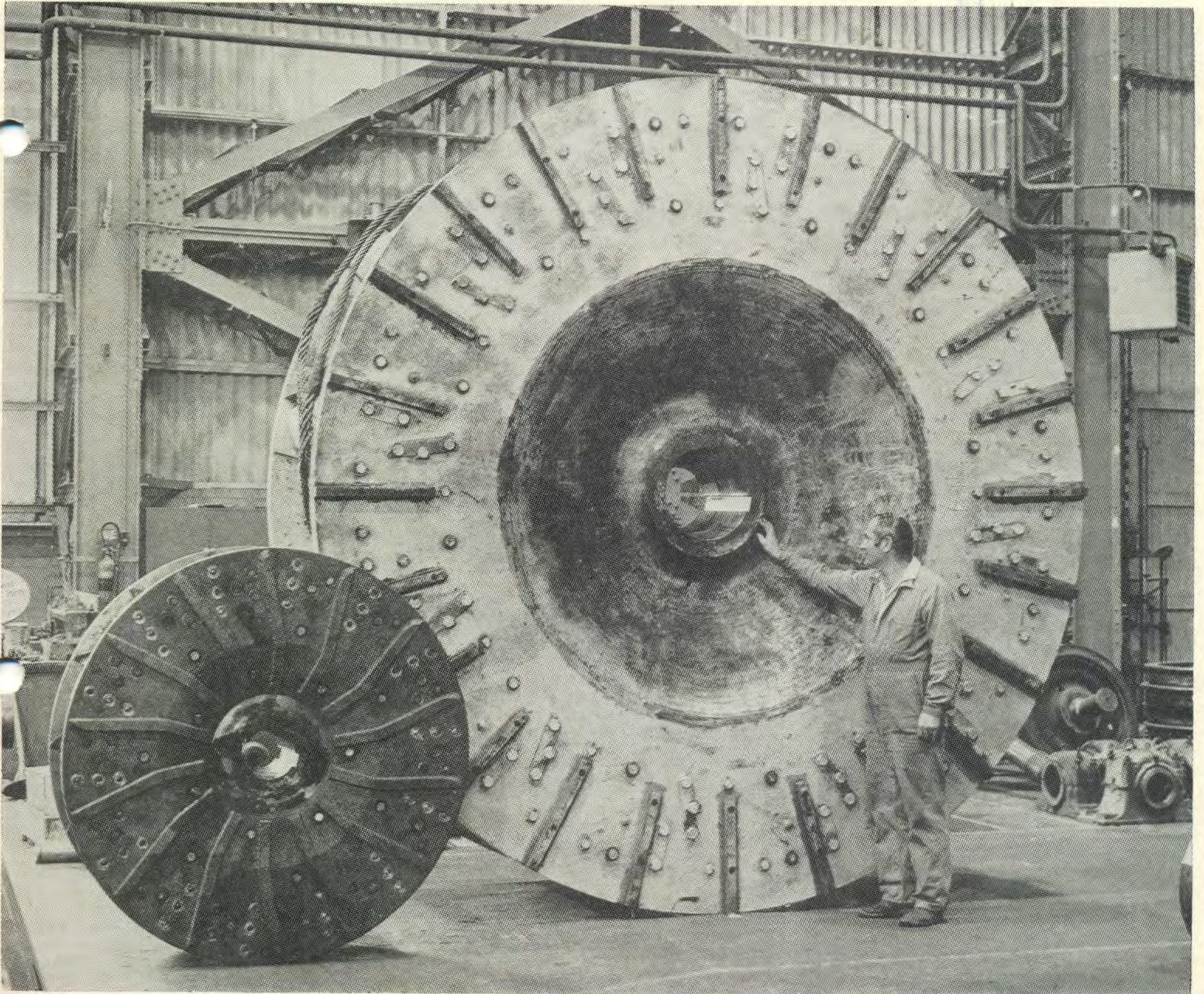


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Workshops Relieve the Stress

As a consequence of the development and commissioning of Yallourn 'W' Power Station and larger Open Cut Dredging equipment, it is necessary

to provide increased workshop support facilities for maintaining and reconditioning associated components.

Traditionally we have developed

extensive workshop facilities because of our isolated geographical location. The need to restore plant to service without undue delay requires a high

No Fires this Summer

(This information is by courtesy of the Victorian Country Fire Authority)

BURNING-OFF

During the "Summer Period" DO NOT BURN-OFF WITHOUT A WRITTEN PERMIT.

Permits are obtainable from the Proper Officer of the Municipality but are granted only for necessary burning.

The best time to burn-off is in the late Autumn. Scrub and useless timber should only be burnt in the late autumn after the restrictions have been lifted, or by special permit from an Authority Regional Officer.

- Remember, when burning-off the responsibility is **yours**. **You must give notice to your neighbours.**

TRACTORS

Tractors and Heat Engines used during the "Summer Period" for harvesting or in contact with vegetation must be:

1. Free from faults and mechanical defects likely to cause fire.
2. Fitted with an efficient spark arrestor.
3. Equipped with a knapsack spray pump fully charged with water.

Regular cleaning and inspection is essential to maintain a spark arrestor in a state of efficiency.

FIREBREAKS

Keep your Home, Farm and Property free from Fire Hazards! Clean up around the yard. Prepare firebreaks for fire protection by:

Ploughing — burning — mowing — grazing — planting Summer crops.
Firebreaks save heartaches.

- Don't give a fire a place to start . . . but if it does, **don't let it spread!**

FIRES

No person shall light a fire in the open air during the "Summer Period" unless:

1. The fire is more than twenty-five (25) feet from any log or stump.
2. The fire is in a properly constructed fire-place or an 18in. deep trench.

3. The ground within a radius of ten (10) feet of the fire-place is thoroughly cleared of all inflammable material. The space above this must also be free.

- A fire must never be left unattended; make sure it is out before leaving.

These provisions apply to spirit and gas appliances, barbecues and incinerators.

CIGARETTES

The throwing down or dropping of any burning materials or thing during the "Summer Period" is prohibited.

Take special care with lighted matches, burning tobacco, cigarette butts.

- **Do not throw matches or cigarettes from motor vehicles or trains. Use ash trays! You risk fines, imprisonment and a dreadful conscience with carelessness.**

ON TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS ALL FIRES ARE BANNED

Maximum penalty for lighting any fire in the open air on Total Fire Ban days is a fine of \$400 or two years' imprisonment, or both.

BUSHFIRE PRECAUTIONS

When bushfire threatens, the home should be a safe refuge for the family. People are seldom burned in their home in a bushfire but lives are lost fleeing from a place which should have been made safe beforehand.

The following precautions will afford a desirable degree of protection.

1. The removal of grass, which when dry would constitute a hazard, from the vicinity of the house and farm buildings by mowing, heavy grazing or any other available means.
2. The removal of any litter, rubbish or other inflammable material, especially from beneath the house.
3. The prevention of the entry of sparks with fly-wire. All eaves, ventilators, doors, windows and sub-floor areas should be proofed against the entry of sparks.

4. The provision of fire-fighting equipment in good working order and a supply of water.

5. The telephone number of the Fire Brigade, Forest Officer and Police should be prominently displayed near the telephone.

When fire threatens adopt the following procedures:

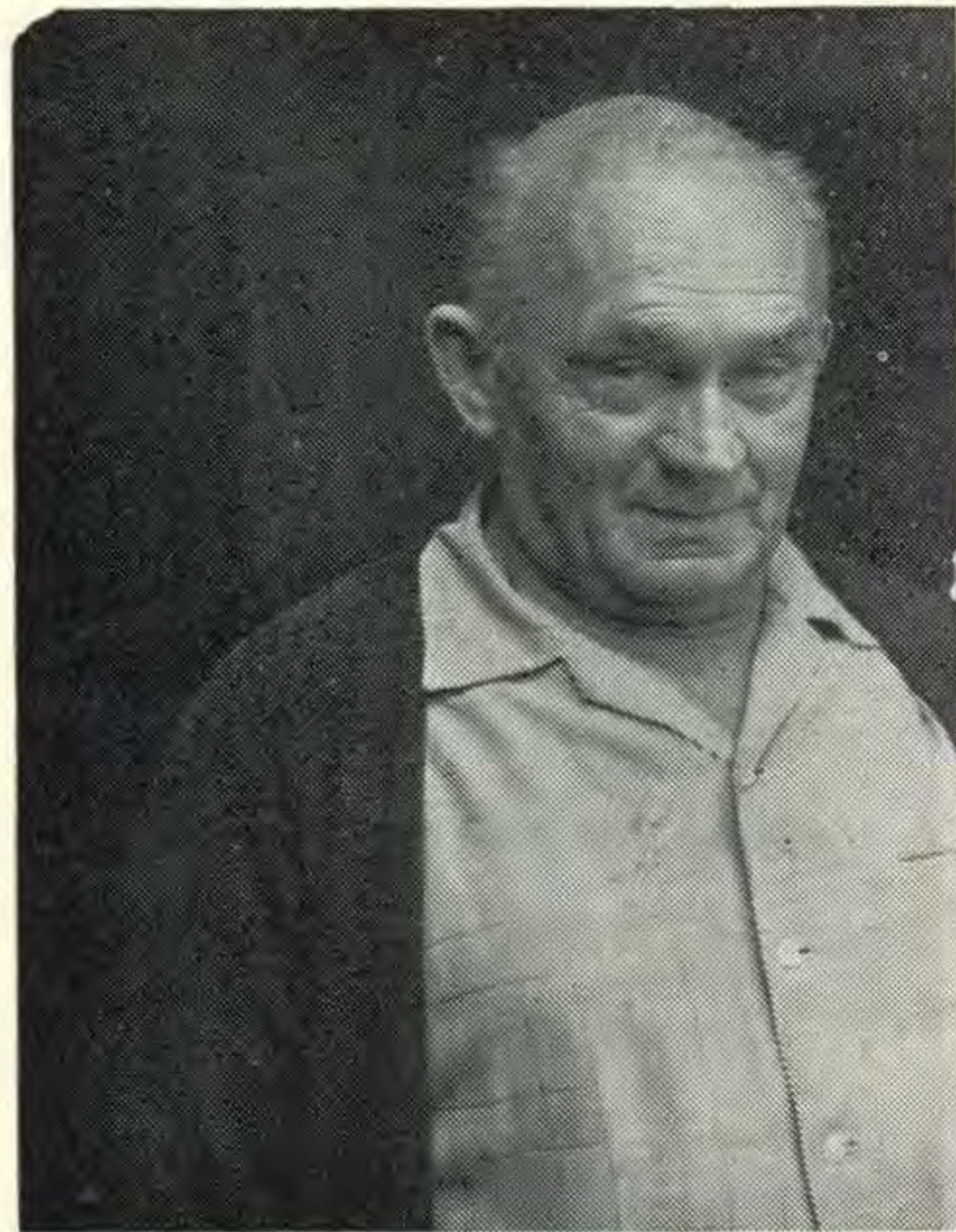
1. Place every available receptacle filled with water around the house, with tins provided to throw the water. Block the downpipes and fill the spoutings with water, keeping the ladder handy for possible use later. Connect the garden hose ready for use. Have knapsacks and other fire-fighting equipment ready.
2. On the approach of fire, close all doors and windows and remain inside the house near the door on the opposite side from which the fire approaches.
3. Clothe everyone adequately for protection against radiated heat. Cover the whole body from head to toe, even the hands with gloves. Woollen garments are the best protection. Do not wear synthetics.
4. As soon as the fire has passed open the door and emerge. This should be on the side of the house from which the fire is now racing away.
5. If the house has caught alight use the garden hose and water supply already provided. Do not panic. Good work at this stage will prevent destruction of the house. In most cases expert help will be close at hand.
6. Use blankets or other similar materials dipped in the water receptacles to "wet down" children and others should this be necessary. Domestic animals and stock should not be neglected. Stock can be mustered into a reasonably safe place for protection if this is prepared beforehand.



Bill Marland, a Trades Assistant in the Boilermakers' Shop, Morwell Briquetting Works, retired on Thursday, November 9, after ten years' service.

Apart from his first year of service, at Morwell Workshops, Bill worked for his whole service at the Boilermakers' Shop where he established the reputation of always being first in, last out.

Bill will spend some of his retirement travelling and the gifts of his workmates—binoculars and a writing set—should come in handy during his travels.



Hans Nieuwenhuizen, a Leading Hand Mechanic with Transport Workshops, Morwell, retired on Tuesday, October 31, after a total of 20 years' service.

Hans started with the Commission immediately following his arrival in Australia from Holland in August, 1952.

Noted for the help and instruction he gave young mechanics and apprentices, Hans intends to tour Australia with his caravan during his retirement.

Mechanical Services Engineer George Davis presented Hans with an electric jug and griller-toaster and a bouquet of flowers for his wife.



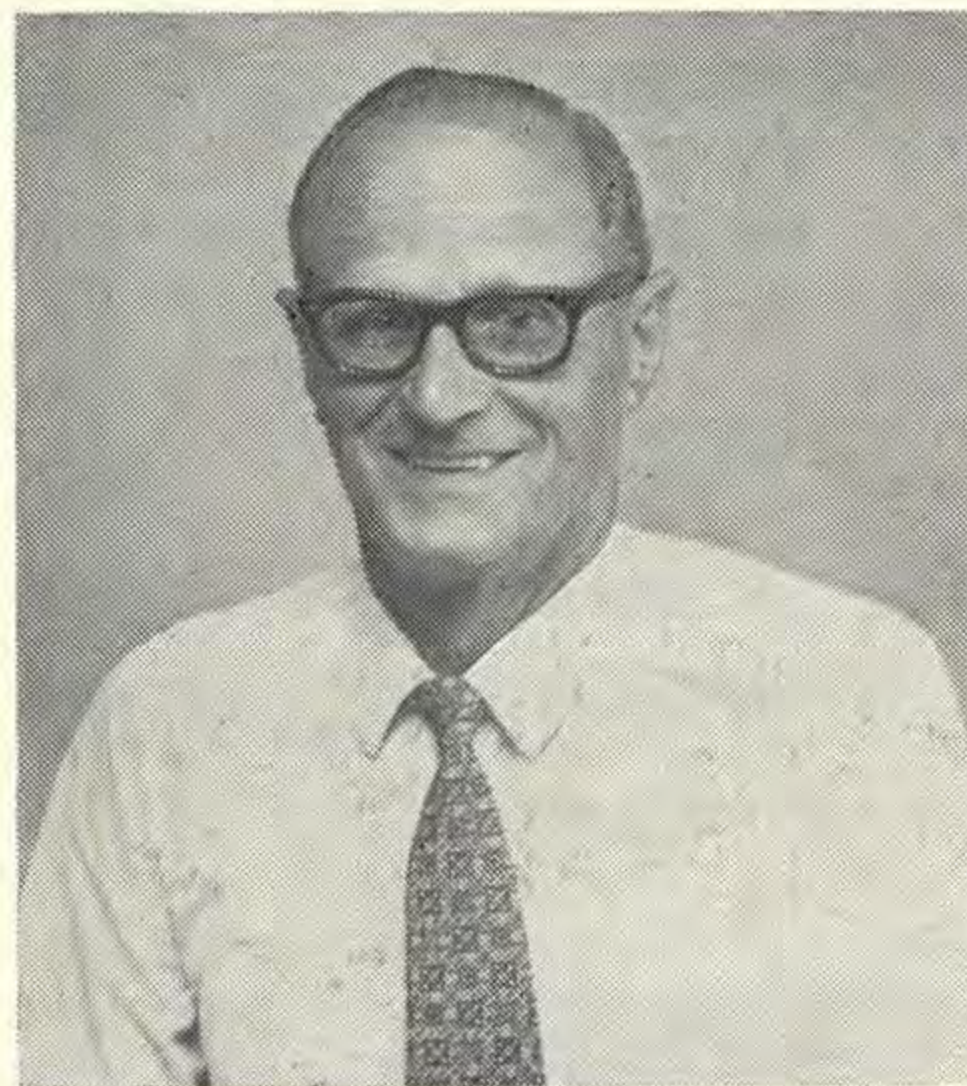
Jack Stitson, a Supervisor, retired on Friday, October 27, after more than 47 years with the Commission.

Jack started at the Yallourn Briquetting Factory in 1925 and after working as an electrical improver and dynamo attendant he resigned in 1946 for reasons of health.

He rejoined later that year at Kiewa and in 1952 returned to the Latrobe Valley.

Jack was presented with a copy of his old log book and Manager, Transmission George Bates presented Jack with a gold watch in recognition of his long and efficient service.

RETIREMENTS



John Morrison, Comm./Admin. Officer, Grade 2 with Costs and Book-keeping, retired on Monday, November 6, after 19 years' service.

John originally commenced with the Commission in 1953, and then spent six months with the Gas and Fuel Corporation in 1955. He returned to the Commission as a Storeman and was appointed to a clerical post in 1957. For the past several years John has been in Property Accounting, mainly engaged on inventory verification.

Departmental Accountant Neil Hustwaite, on behalf of John's workmates, presented him with a suitcase.



Joe Davis, Admin. Clerk of Transmission Division, retired on Friday, November 12, after 42 years' service.

Joe was, from 1930 to 1952, the electrical spares man in Yallourn. He was then appointed to the newly-formed Construction Branch and until 1963 was the Admin. and Supplies Officer of that Section. He then became Divisional Admin. Clerk.

Joe was a foundation member of the old Yallourn and District Cricket Association and a foundation and life member of the Badminton Club. He was for many years the team captain of the Yallourn Soccer Club.

Always in the forefront of civic affairs, Joe was a man of invention. The old Yallourn Church of England Hall used to double as a cinema and dance hall. After one Saturday night's tap the gas-filled balloons floated to the top of the roof—somewhat misplaced decorations for the Sunday service. Various efforts were made to get the balloons—all unsuccessful until Joe went home, came back with an airgun and shot them down.

Joe, who intends to travel around the country for awhile, was presented with a barbecue with all the trimmings and a mounted set of his old rubber stamps.



Power Tool Demonstration

Leading Hand Charlie Marshall of Transport Workshops, Morwell, tries out a compressed air power tool under the watchful eye of a sales representative at a recent demonstration held at Morwell.

The demonstration was arranged so that section heads in the area would be aware of the latest developments in the compressed air power tool field, part of the Commission's policy of keeping personnel up-to-date with industrial machinery trends.



Suggestion Award Comes in Handy for Long Service Leave

A suggestion for the improved fitting of one-piece blades to the main mill impellers at 'C' and 'D' Power Stations, Yallourn, enriched Overseer I Terry Glover by \$200. Terry works in the Boiler House Maintenance Section and the award was made just in time

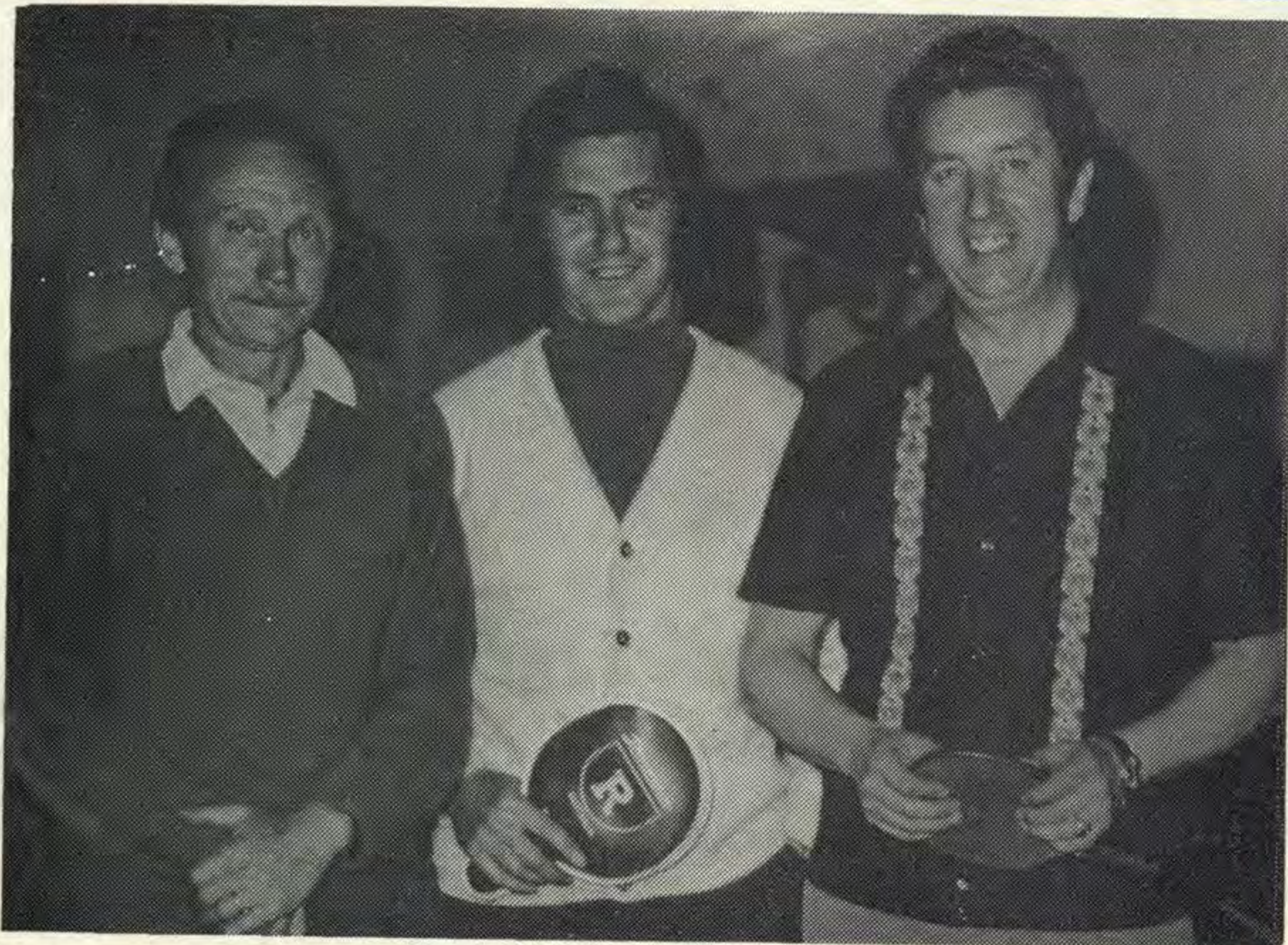
for him to take it to Queensland on long service leave.

Terry's suggestion led to the development of a much safer method of handling whole blades for fitting to the impellers.

SUGGESTION AWARDS, 1972

	Power		Coal		Services		Transmission		Commercial		Totals	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
January	6	165	—	—	3	40	—	—	—	—	9	205
February	22	620	—	—	4	175	2	30	—	—	28	825
March/April	9	215	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	215
May	9	460	—	—	1	500	3	535	—	—	13	1495
June	8	250	—	—	1	15	1	15	—	—	10	280
July	4	130	—	—	1	15	—	—	1	105	6	250
August	6	200	—	—	4	85	2	30	1	15	13	330
September	17	545	1	100	1	20	4	170	—	—	23	835
October	4	65	2	30	3	60	1	15	1	15	11	185
TOTALS	85	2650	3	130	18	910	13	795	3	135	122	4620
Approx. Average Awards	\$31		\$43		\$50		\$61		\$45		\$38	

SPORT PARADE



Triple Table Tennis Triumph

Three mechanical maintenance foremen at Yallourn Power Station boilerhouse entered the 'C' Grade competition of the Moe District Table Tennis Association for fun and a night out and ended up scooping the pool.

The team shown above (left to right):

Jack Corlett, Terry Glover and Herb Wandmaker won the "C" Grade Premiership. Terry Glover won the singles championship and, between them, they also won the doubles.

Presentations to the team were made at Newborough Hall on Friday, November 10.



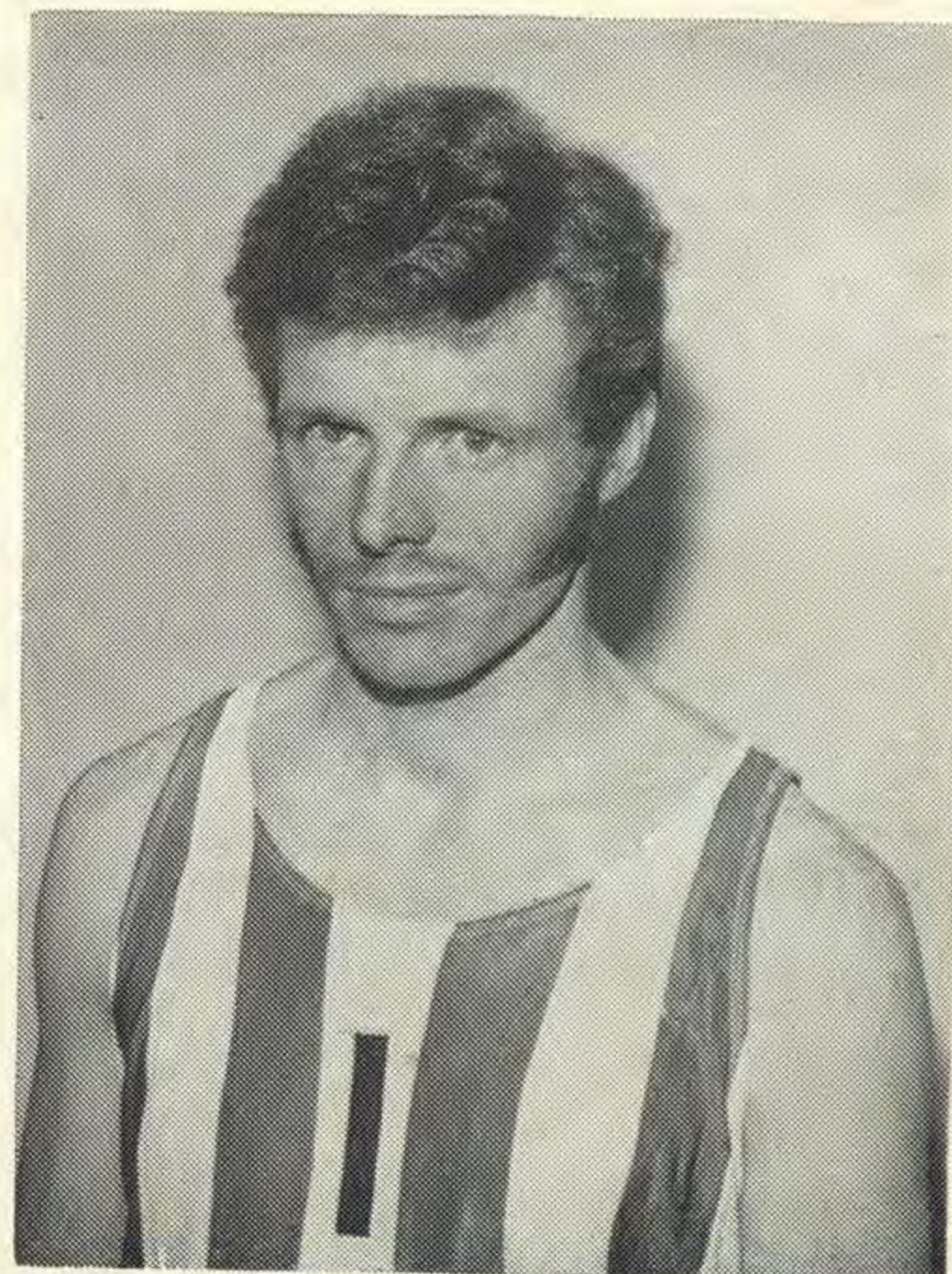
Valley Sailing Season Opens

Mr. Bruce Proctor, skipper of Quest III, winner and holder of the Little America's Cup, performed the official opening of the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club 1972-73 sailing season on Sunday, October 29.

Commodore Ron Court welcomed the official guests who included representatives of various local bodies.

Shire President, Jim Pettigrew, replying on behalf of the guests, congratulated the Club on their efforts in providing healthy open-aid sport for the youth of the area.

Following the opening, a race was sailed in pleasant sunny conditions with light winds.



Volley Ball Player Tours New Zealand

Bob Kenter of Morwell Power Station's Chemistry Laboratory is off on a tour of New Zealand with the touring Victorian Volleyball team.

Bob, who plays for Rangers in local competitions, left on the tour on Wednesday, November 15.

Apprentice Craftsmanship Display

Samples of work produced by 1st year apprentices will be on display in the Visitors' Centre, Yallourn, from the period midday December 4 to midday December 8.

Although only open during the day, the display has the objective of presenting both to the public and employees the standard of craftsmanship achieved by our apprentices during their first year.

Line Supervisors, mainly Foremen and Leading Hands involved with apprentice training after 1st year, should take the opportunity to gauge the standard and potential of lads who may be rostered to them for training.

In conjunction with the display the annual presentation to 1st year apprentices will be conducted during the afternoon of December 6. Attendance at this ceremony is by invitation only; however all personnel are invited to view the craftsmanship display when convenient.