

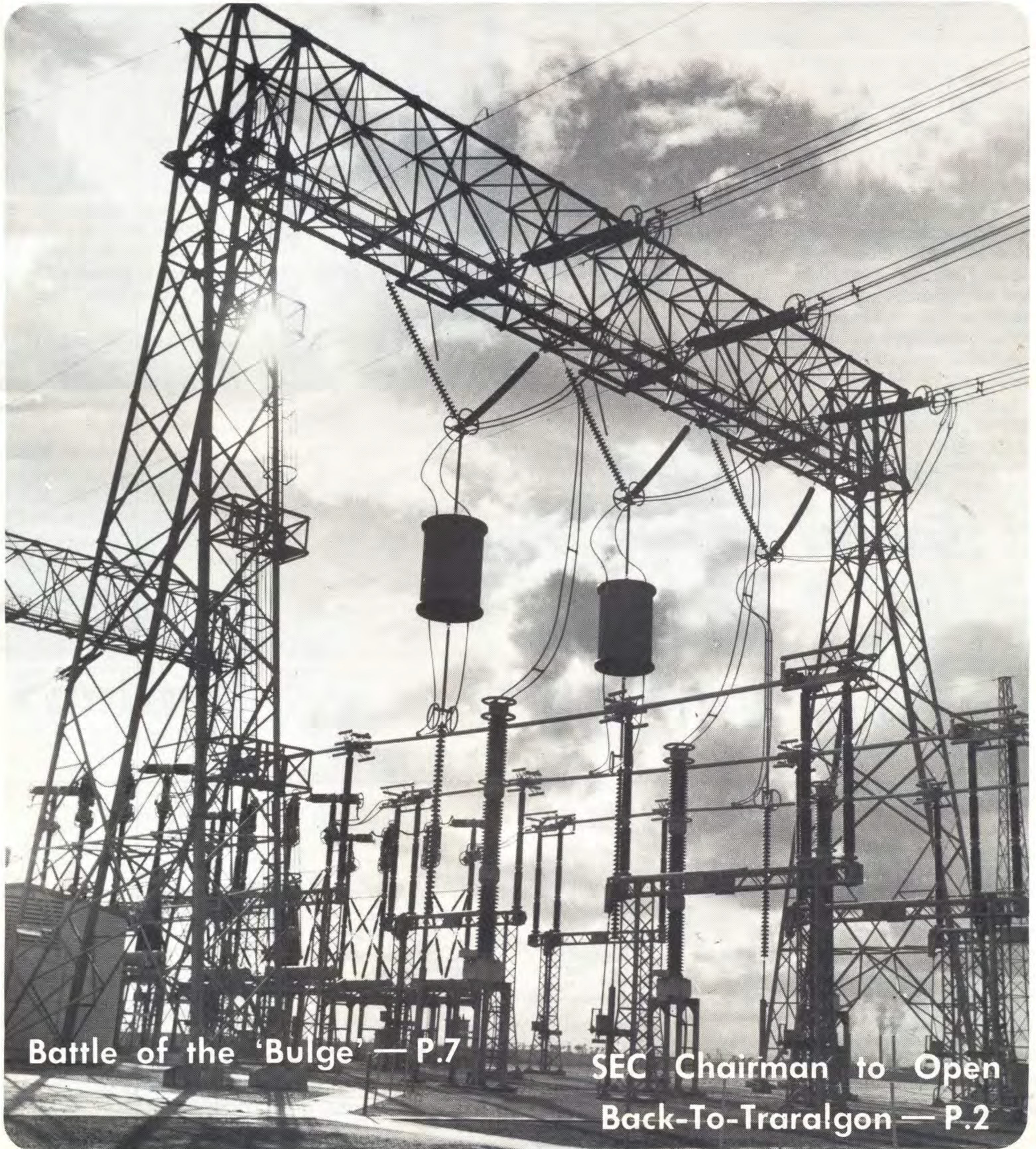
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*Pictured before a recent meeting are the members of Morwell Workshops Social Club.*

## Morwell Workshops Social Club Has A New Look

The Morwell Workshops area social club leadership was restructured at its annual meeting recently.

A new secretary (Peter Simpson), a vice-president (Arthur Lobb) and three new committeemen (Doug Jones, David Dickson and Gary Campbell) were elected.

Officers for 1976-77 are President Alan Vernon; sec-

retary Peter Simpson; treasurer David Souter; vice-presidents Arthur Lobb, Len Crozier; committee Gary Campbell, Don Whykes, Doug Jones, Dave Dickson, Sid Bilson, Ron Douglas, Ray Linton, Ron Brennan, Jack Brennan, John Hoffard, Ray Grissoto, Keith Maloney, Keith Barlow, Gerry Heeley, Jack Smith and Len Crozier.

Club president Alan Vernon described 1975-76 as very successful both socially and financially.

The club, which has an adult membership of 950 and 800 juniors (under 13) has already conducted three social outings this financial year.

The first, a car rally which ended at the Moondarra reservoir, was a tremendous success, thanks to organising sub committee.

Coming events include a Cup Eve cabaret ball, in the Traralgon Technical School hall and a train trip to the Melbourne Zoo early in March.

If you are interested in either event, contact Peter Simpson, ext. 3182.

The social club will be selling Christmas specials from now until December, so members would be wise to keep an eye on the notice board.



**CHARLES TRETOWAN**

## Chairman For Back - To

Chairman Charles Trethowan has accepted an invitation to officially open the Back-to Traralgon celebrations on Saturday, November 20.

The celebrations will cover nine days, from November 20-28.

Back-to Committee chairman, Alan Campigli, who is Admin. Clerk in Engineering Services Department, an-

nounced details today.

He said Mr. Trethowan, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Trethowan, would be tendered a Civic Reception by the City of Traralgon.

Later in the evening, the Trethowans will be guests at a special Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod prize-winners' concert in Traralgon's Little Theatre.

## Guide's New "Home"

The coal-winning and power generation display which has been the starting point for tours by more than 650,000 visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area since 1962 has a new home.

The display — and the

guides who conduct daily tours of inspection throughout the year — is now housed in the former Briquette Advisory Centre office in the Yallourn township shopping area.

The new Briquette Advisory Centre is situated a

few doors away in the main shopping centre.

As before, the Commission's Visitors' Centre will be open between 8 a.m. - 4.21 p.m. on almost every day of the year; Christmas

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Beautifully silhouetted in the afternoon sky is one of the rack structures in the Hazelwood terminal station yard. The rack structures are the terminal points for 500 kV power lines to Melbourne.

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Above: Discussing old times are Col Webster (left) and 'Plugger' Culph in the backyard of 'Plugger's' Moe Home.



## Football Team From The Past

There are few people who would know the name of the football team pictured above . . . in fact many SEC employes were not even born when the team was last seen in action.

The lineup is the 1924 Eastern Road Camp football team, made up of SEC employes, mainly from the old Yallourn briquette works.

The picture was brought to CONTACT's notice by Yallourn CWS machinist Col Webster, who was himself one of Gippsland's top footballers from 1938-1951. Col found the picture while he and his wife, Sheila,

were looking through some old photos.

He looked up old friend Harry 'Plugger' Culph, who was in the side (front row first from left) and is now living in Moe. Between them they worked out the names of most players and officials.

Incidentally, 'Plugger's' son, Laurie, is Assistant Power Station Superintendent (Headquarters) in Power Generation Department.

The team and officials are pictured above (from left)

back row: Tom Nicholls, Joe Greene, —, Norm Greenwood, —, "Dixie" Greenwood, —, Bobbie Robinson, Joe Moffat, Hec Whitmore, Harry Culph, Arthur Paice, Arthur Whitbourne snr., Allan Rickman, —, George Rickman, Jack Perkins, —, Wally Webb, —, A. Fenner, Fred Goebles, Gordon Taylor, Gil Turner. Seated: 'Plugger' Culph, Freddy Webb, "Bluey" Grainger, Arthur Whitmore, Alf Greenwood, —, — Campbell, "Choc" Nichols. Lying down: W. Spicer, "Bluey" Clamp and George Brown.

The sudden death on September 1 of PR Group administration officer Ham Ballagh was deeply felt throughout the SEC . . . and in Gippsland, where he had a well deserved reputation as a dedicated community worker. One organisation which has acknowledged Ham Ballagh's special contribution is the Victorian School for Deaf Children, which has named its 1976 appeal the "Ham Ballagh Memorial Appeal."

## Memorial Appeal

By Harry Powell Manager-Secretary of V.S.D.C.

Deaf children and their needs are well known to all SEC employes in the Latrobe Valley.

For many years an appeal has been held annually to raise funds for the Victorian School for Deaf Children.

In earlier years, it was an "unofficial" appeal made by members of the school's Central Gippsland Auxiliary, but since 1964, manage-

ment gave its blessing and appointed Ham Ballagh and Arch. Porter to conduct the Appeal.

The grand total raised in 11 years is \$6,492.50.

In recent years, Ham Ballagh was solely responsible for all of the organisation, and he became deeply involved and interested in the education and welfare of deaf children.

Only a few days before his death, Ham and his wife Kit visited the Princess Elizabeth Kindergarten for the Deaf in Burwood, and the Victorian School for Deaf Children in Melbourne.

The Board of Management of the School has suggested that this year's Appeal, to be held in November/December, should be designated the "Ham Ballagh Memorial Appeal."

The Commission has agreed to the suggestion, and this year's contributions will be used in a special way by the school and a memorial raised to recognise the outstanding work of Ham Ballagh in promoting the education and care of deaf children.

There are a number of children of Commission employes attending the kindergarten and school, and we ask you to remember the dedication of Ham Ballagh when you are contributing to this year's Appeal.

● Geoff Ryan (2885) has been appointed to co-ordinate the Ham Ballagh Memorial Appeal, which will be conducted from Monday, November 1 to Wednesday, December 15. Lists will be distributed during this month.



# Yallourn Resettlement

## YALLOURN TREES "LIVE ON"

The tree replanting program launched this year to compensate for the unavoidable removal of trees resulting from the relocation of Yallourn houses has been well received in the Latrobe Valley.

The three year program is already making a worthwhile contribution to the improvement of district school grounds.

While it obviously is not the SEC's intention to meet all the needs of central Latrobe Valley schools, the program does enable the Commission to compensate in a positive way for the eventual loss of Yallourn trees.

Noted gardening authority Kevin Heinze has been closely associated with the program.

Yallourn resettlement estates will also share in the compensatory replanting program.

## NO WORRIES ABOUT SPLIT - LEVEL NOISE

Technical Services Officer Mike Anderson of Metallurgy Group, Yallourn, doesn't mind hard work when its in a good cause.

Currently on Long Service Leave, Mike is putting his time to good use — modifying and renovating the Yallourn house he and his wife Carol and children Michael (6 years), Tania (3) and Wendy (2) have occupied in Jeeralang Crescent for some time.

Things have changed since they last slept in the house . . . its now moved a few kilometres to a new location in Avon Court (Trent Street)

resettlement estate) in Newborough.

Even bigger changes are on the way, with imaginative interior renovations under way and a brick veneer planned.

Mike and family hope to move in early in the New Year.

Transfer of the split-level house from Yallourn to Newborough was a triumph for house removalist "Digger" Fowler — it was the first transfer in one piece of a split level house; a money-saving achievement which Mike greatly appreciated.

## Madrigals In Form

Yallourn Madrigals' conductor, Coal Production Department Commercial Officer David Davies (right), was in Queensland on long service leave when the choir he has trained and conducted for the past 12 years capped a period of intensive effort with an outstanding prize-winning performance in the 1976 LV Eisteddfod.



DAVID DAVIES

*Below: The Madrigals, from left (back row): Gwynne Elliott, Linda Hibbert, Ruth Hibbert, Dorothy Cairns, Colin Harvey, Kenneth White, Nancy Embleton, Lois Kemp, Elsie Madder, Richard Gubbins, David Cousins, John Brown, Bill Adams, Faye Waterson, Sue Bailey and Franz Onger (conductor).*



Ten Yallourn houses relocated in Morwell will get a new lease on life under a contract let by the SEC to local builder Allan Grieve Pty. Ltd.

The houses will have an average of \$15,000 spent on renovations, alterations re-cladding and internal equipment under a contract scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Two houses in Comans Street are completed and work has begun on eight Yallourn houses relocated in the Turnley and

## "Facelift" is under way

O'Grady Streets resettlement estate, where 24 allotments are available.

When completed, the Turnley and O'Grady Street houses will be offered for sale to Yallourn residents, probably early in the New Year.



*John Naismith's Comment ...*

## THE FEMALE SECS.

TWO girls from data processing, Administration building, Morwell, have taken on new ventures recently. On September 11 Karen McMaster married Peter Glenn a fitter and turner, Yallourn 'W' Power Station . . . and Caroline Fenech resigned on October 1 to take up home duties after working with the Commission for five years.

WANTED — Girls (or boys) 18 years of age or over for a boat crew for the Woodside Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Applicants must be fit and will be initially trained in calm waters by former Olympic rowing master. The crew will be trained to surf life saving bronze medallion standard. Those interested should contact Syd Hurrell on extension 3161 or 3162, or Graeme Hurrell, transport workshops, Yallourn.

MARIA Turra, personnel section typist, resigned from the Commission on September 24 to be married. Unfortunately, Maria won't be returning as her husband is employed at Rosebud. Elaine Watson from the typing pool will take Maria's place in personnel.

Blanche Dolman, former secretary in the Latrobe Valley to Mr. Bill Schulz, has also decided to call it a day with the Commission. Blanche, who is to be married, will be taking up residence in Canberra, where she has a job with the Federal Public Service and will be working with Al Grassy. Blanche has been secretary to Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations, Bob Stainforth, in Monash House for the past two years.

We have two sporting champs among our girls — Jenny DeVries of public relations group, shared the best and fairest award in her division in the Morwell Women's Volleyball Association . . . and Anne Peterson, Hazelwood Power Station, won the best and fairest award in her grade at basketball (mens rules) in the Morwell competition. Well done girls.

HEATHER Lang, typing pool, Morwell has been appointed a fire warden for the typing pool. Heather is the only female warden appointed so far. Her duties will involve attending regular fire warden meetings and looking out for potential fire hazards within her section. You never know . . . she might even take charge of fire drill one day.

Response to the column has been encouraging . . . so keep the stories coming. Phone either ext. 3357 or 3642 with your news.



## AMERICAN STUDY TOUR — ARE YOU INTERESTED ?

Morwell Rotary Club is seeking outstanding young men — including SEC employes — between the ages of 25 and 35 interested in participating in a 6-8 week American study tour.

Club member Bob Lethlean (Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent Coal Production, Morwell) says the study tour will take in four American States — Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

It will take place in April/May next year.

The candidates must have been employed in any recognised business or profession, on a full-time basis, for the past two years.

They must show enthusiasm for their vocation and be citizens interested in community affairs.

The successful candidate will be part of a 5-man team to participate in a group study exchange educational program designed to promote international understanding.

They will form a comprehensive view of the U.S.A.'s economy through visits to

farms, factories and places of business. Team members will see government and law at work. They visit schools and colleges, and discuss the schools system. They are given the opportunity to see how the needs of youth and the aged are met. They study places of historical, cultural and scenic interest.

Accommodation will be in the homes of the Rotarians. Fares are paid by the Rotary Foundation.

If you are interested, contact Bob Lethlean on ext. 5850.

## For Sale

Paper Tiger Yacht. As new. One season old. Fibre Glass Hull. Pear Ply deck. PRICE: \$950. Anyone interested please contact: Ron or James Maskiell, 34 Eastern Avenue, Newborough 3825, or Phone 27 1058.





Above: Looking just the part, as they stand to attention in front of an Army Landrover are (from left) Privates Linda Hall, Sue Dyer and Linda Hedt.



Private Linda Hall (pictured right) was busy at work when *Contact's* photographer took this picture recently

## We're in the Army Now . . . And Enjoying It

Hobbies and pastime activities of the SEC's 7,000—plus Latrobe Valley employees are many and varied . . . but one of the more unusual has been for three SEC employees to join the

CMF's 38th Field Squadron Royal Australian Engineers (Yallourn).

You might ask, what is so unusual to join the CMF? . . . well the three new members are girls.

They are privates Sue Dyer 19, (Yallourn 'W' Construction); Linda Hedt 20 (Yallourn supplies) and Linda Hall 24 (Main store, Morwell). They're officially known as WRAACs (Women's Royal Australian Army Corps).

Looking for a challenge and some thing different to do with their spare time, the girls joined the Yallourn CMF five months ago.

They are involved with clerical aspects of the service — typing and office duties — with Linda Hall also assisting with recruiting of personnel.

The girls are not afraid to

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## Latrobe Valley Wins Ebenezer Scrooge

A confident Latrobe Valley finance golf team won the 17th annual finance golf clash between Latrobe Valley and Monash House teams at the picturesque Yallourn course earlier this month.

It was the 12th time the Latrobe Valley finance boys won the 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy played for between the two sections.

The final result after four hours . . . and a lot of hard luck stories, was a win to Latrobe Valley 7-5.

The 'Ebenezer Scrooge' trophy was presented to Latrobe Valley captain Don

Malpass (Pay Section) by Acting Manager Area Administration Ken Yelland. Results:

Best pair — Latrobe Valley: Kevin Noy, Phil Watt, 41 points; Monash House: Brian Kent, Stan Moore, 43 points.

Best individual score — Latrobe Valley: Ken Edwards, 31 points (on count-back from John Hutchinson); Monash House: Don Schintler, 33 points. Longest put: Len Dannock, 51 metres, Monash House.

The 'If Only' trophy was won by Jack Huxtable (Latrobe Valley), with 7 points.



Commission employees have many and varied lunch time activities, but one of the more popular is golf. *CONTACT* caught these five keen golfers discussing their good and bad shots below the Area Administration building in Morwell recently. They are (from left) Doug Sherry (secretarial), Phil McGure (claims), Bill Pawliw (Secretarial), Peter Leslie (admin. clerk, Hazelwood), and Paul Devlin (secretarial).





## COAL PRODUCTION



*Ian shows his handballing style, not with a football, but with a lump of coal picked up in Yallourn open cut.*

## Ian's Still Kicking on — 148 Goals

When the subject is football — more particularly Gippsland's outstanding footballers of the past 10 years—one of the first names to be mentioned would undoubtedly be Ian Jennings (Coal Production, Yallourn).

Ian was an outstanding full-forward with Moe, making the kicking of more than 100 goals in a season look almost easy. He decided in 1974 to give Latrobe Valley League football away for a rest, but fronted up with

Mid-Gippsland 1976 premiers, Thorpdale . . . and you've guessed it, won the League's goal kicking award with 148 goals.

From all reports, Ian hasn't lost any of the brilliance of his Latrobe Valley football days — his kicking, accuracy and strong marking are still as good as ever.

To top off the good season for Ian, Thorpdale won the Mid-Gippsland Football League final . . . and as usual Ian kicked a bag.

## BATTLE OF THE "BULGE"

Yallourn's open cut workforce is currently engaged in a 'Battle of the Bulge' . . . a battle against time by No. 7 overburden dredger to provide suitable benches to locate conveyors which will supply the 40,000 tonne power station overhead bunker now under construction.

(The 'Bulge' is the piece of land about 0.8 kilometres east of the Yallourn Hotel and is the area formerly occupied by the Yallourn briquette factory).

At present, coal transported from No. 6, 8 and 12 dredger loading stations to the two existing 5000 tonne bunkers is carried by train around the 'Bulge' — a 200 metre wide buttress of coal left as a protection for the Yallourn briquette factory.

Overburden Ops. Superintendent Bill Conrow points out that since conveyor transport is preferable to trains — maximum annual output is greater — the

'bulge' must be removed.

The total 'Bulge' development involves the removal of 13.6 million tonnes of coal and 4.2 million cubic metres of overburden.

It is programmed for completion in May/June, 1981, after which four flights of conveyors will feed the new bunker.

Release of No. 7 dredger for this development work involved cessation of overburden removal ahead of the present coal face from September 13. Further O/B excavations for the south field will resume in 1977.

The overburden face conveyors have been relocated, so that No. 7 dredger can

dig towards the new coal bunkers. This overburden section of the 'Bulge' will require the dredger to dig (on 2 different levels), a total of 4.2 million cubic metres of overburden and 400,000 tonnes of coal in an exca-



*This picture of No. 7 dredger eating into overburden at Yallourn shows the easy way of getting rid of "bulges".*

vation over 2,000 metres in length.

Excavation has started

## 400,000 Tonnes of Coal

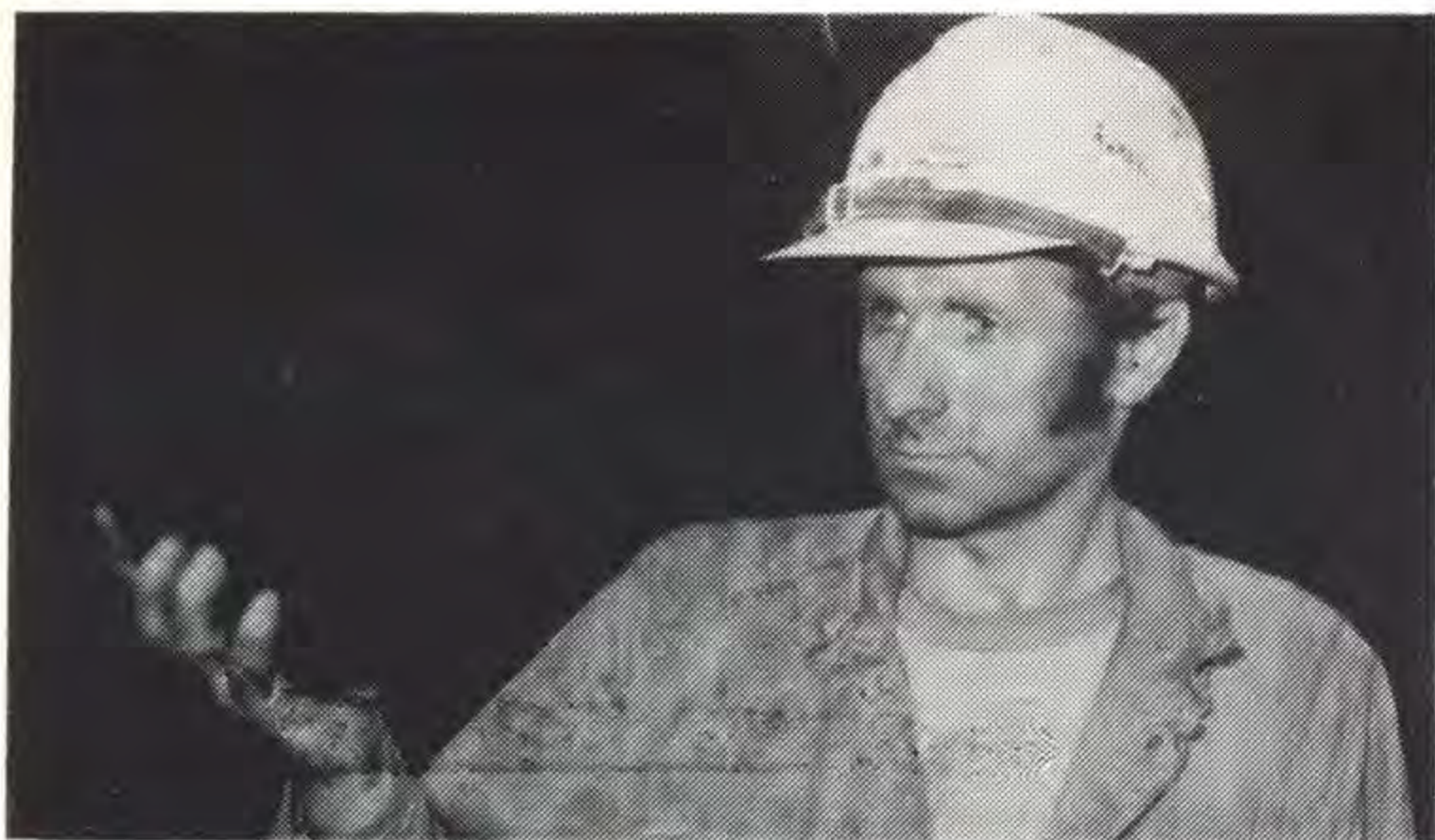
and is estimated to take about 13½ months to complete.

In addition to the movement of conveyors and dredgers associated with the excavation, major preliminary works were involved.

These included demolition of the briquette factory, coal production office, transfer of the coal production mechanical and electrical sections to the new workshops and offices and removal of the maintenance depot.

Relocation of sub stations YS and Y3, and the re-routing of open cut power supplies, water reticulation and drains were also required.





*Bill Armstrong displays the lump of coal which struck him while working on No. 9 dredger.*

## Wearing A Hard Hat Saved Bill

Bill Armstrong knows the importance of wearing safety hard hats, because for the second time in two years one has saved him from serious injury.

A fitter, with coal production, he was helping replace missing bucket wheel teeth on No. 9 dredger in Morwell open cut when a lump of coal fell from the structure above, striking Bill on the head and deflecting on to his shoulder.

The 2.7 kilogram lump of coal fell about seven metres, before striking Bill, bruising his shoulder.

Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes says the prac-

tice of wearing hard hats is very important for obvious reasons — working without appropriate protective gear can lead to serious injury.

It is common sense to wear hard hats where there is a potential for falling hazards — near conveyors, dredgers, power stations — where coal has accumulated or where people are working overhead.

Modern hard hats, which are designed for comfort, provide some protection from the rain, sun, wind and dust.

But above all, hard hats **DO** save lives . . . ask Bill Armstrong.

# Service Register

Commission employees who reached significant service milestones during October are included in this month's register.

### 20 YEARS:

K. J. Patching	Civil, Yallourn
D. D. Burns	Yallourn Power Station
R. A. Brennan	Transmission
W. A. Taylor	Coal, Morwell

### 25 YEARS:

W. R. Bushby	Transmission
V. J. Cox	Area Administration, Morwell
P. Ashford	Civil, Yallourn
F. Fogarty	Power, Morwell
F. T. McNiffe	Yallourn Power Station
E. J. Hewitt	Yallourn Power Station
K. A. Lowater	Coal, Yallourn

### 30 YEARS:

C. S. Stace	Coal, Yallourn
S. W. H. Westfall	Civil, Yallourn
R. T. Mitchell	Coal, Morwell

### 35 YEARS:

C. D. O'Brien	Yallourn 'W'
J. Tickle	Civil, Morwell

### 36 YEARS:

C. H. Lyons	Coal, Yallourn
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### 37 YEARS:

L. J. Darragh	Power, Morwell
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### 39 YEARS:

A. A. Scott	Yallourn 'W'
J. A. Brennan	Coal, Yallourn

## MOE UNITED WIN DOUBLE

Moe United Soccer Club's senior side which this year won the Latrobe Valley Soccer League's senior premier-ship for the second consecutive year . . . also took out the Battle of Britain Cup, for the first time, by defeating Fortuna 4-1.

What has this to do with the SEC? . . . well, seven of the 11 premier team players work for the Commission.

They are Reno Borg (Coal Production), Joe Gixti (Power Generation), Werner Braad (Transmission), team coach, Les Stansbury (Transmission), John Engel (Engineering Services), Robert Duljas (Transmission) and John Cardona (Engineering Services).



*THE team — back row (from left) Reno Borg, Peter Romyn, Joe Gixti, Werner Braad, Les Stansbury (coach), Stephen McGarrity, John Engel. Front row: Brian McGarrity, Hans Raun, Ian Stansbury (C), Robert Duljas, Jimmy Henderson, John Cardona.*



## Got the Message?

"Alcoholism awareness" is an expression gaining greater emphasis throughout the Australian community . . . and with the Commission's Latrobe Valley-based departments.

Personnel at all levels have access here to awareness programs aimed at rehabilitation of problem drinkers and the prevention of alcohol-associated problems.

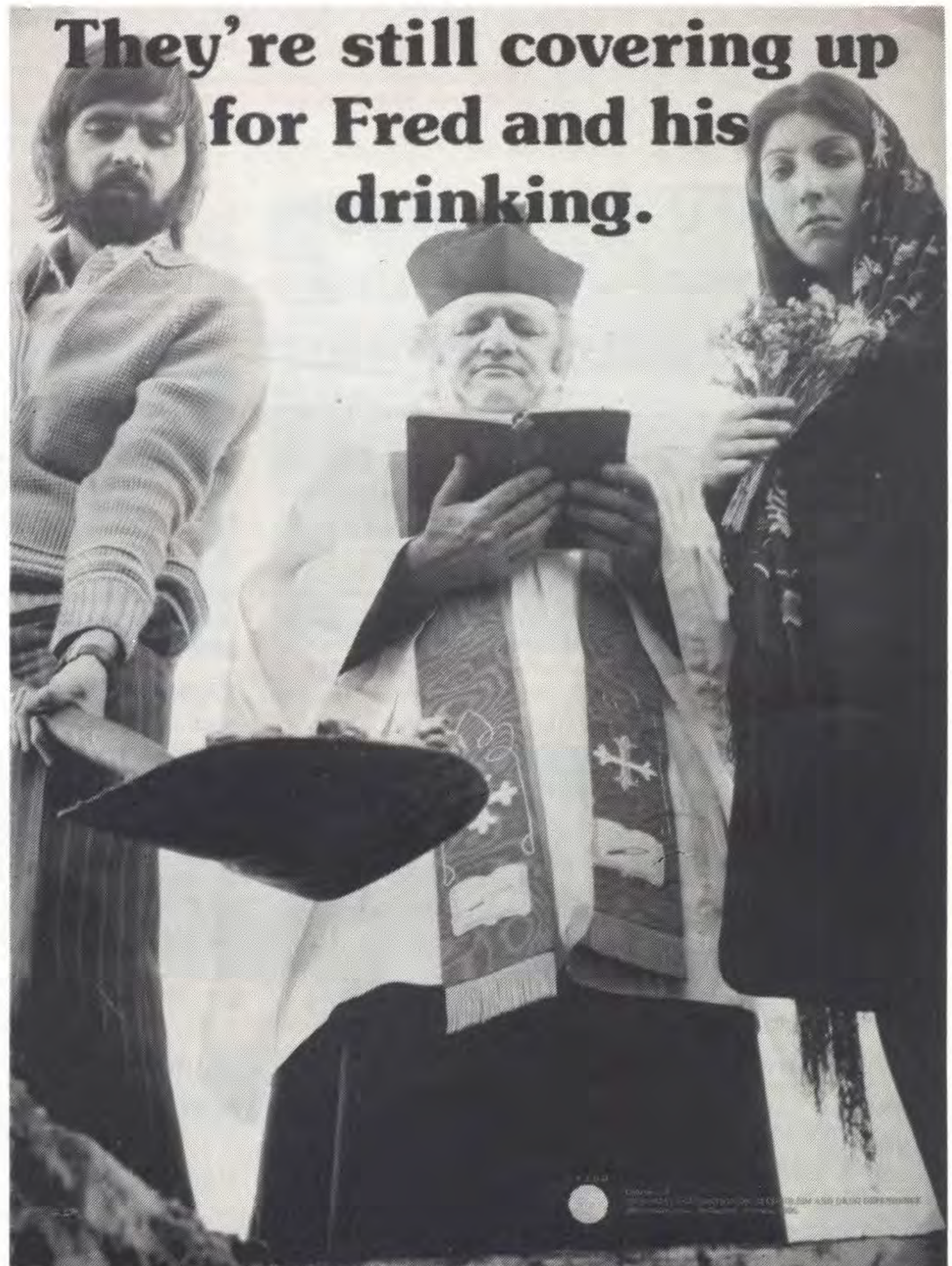
The programs, which are co-ordinated by Industrial Chaplain Bruce Burn (3754) have the full backing and active support of the Commission.

The Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence is one organisation which is playing its part in creating "alcoholism awareness".

The Foundation, among other things, has produced series of posters aimed at focussing attention on one aspect or another of the problem.

The poster reproduced at right has an obvious message for members of the workforce — any workforce. Recognise the priest?

He's the Rev. Bob Clayton, an Industrial Chaplain who spent several years in the Latrobe Valley, during which he was associated with ITIM programs within the SEC.



## Bulk authorities look us over

The people who manage Victoria's bulk electricity supply authority undertakings know more about the electricity industry than most — but even the engineers from the various metropolitan areas who spent two days in the Latrobe Valley earlier this month were surprised at the scale of some developments here.

The Morwell River Diversion; the Loy Yang project, Central Workshop at Yallourn and expansion of Yallourn 'W' Power Station captured their imagination.

In addition to inspecting SEC works areas, the visitors also toured the APM installation.

Bulk supply authority officials in the party were city electrical engineers Mr. G. Anderson (Doncaster and Templestowe), Mr. J. T. Anderson (Port Melbourne), Mr. A. E. Eberbach (Box Hill), Mr. K. Gallagher (Footscray), Mr. R. Smith (Preston), Mr. B. Kimber (Williamstown), Mr. A. Hamilton (Coburg), Mr. J. Wilkins (Northcote), Mr. R. Lamb (Brunswick), Mr. Darlison (Melbourne).



*Receiving a rundown on the proposed Loy Yang project are representatives of electricity bulk supply authorities who spent two days in the Latrobe Valley early this month.*





## 125,000 Man Hours Without D. I. and Still Going Strong

Members of the Latrobe Valley Stations section of Transmission Operations have their share of pride . . . especially so now that they have notched more than 125,000 manhours without a disabling injury.

For this excellent record Acting Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented the section with an Australian National Safety Council certificate in the old Yallourn Visitors' Centre on October 8.

The award was received by Joe Boulton and Mike Sokcevic on behalf of the section which last registered

a disabling injury on December 11, 1975.

At the function, Ray said that reaching 100,000 hours, without disabling injury, was a significant achievement and one that all members of the section shared.

"I hope that all members maintain their high standard of safety and aim for the 250,000 hr. award," he said.



Looking as pleased as 'punch' are members of the stations section after the safety award presentation.

### L.V. Control Centre Open November

Transmission Operations Department is looking forward — if that's the word — to November . . . the month scheduled for takeover by the Department of the \$3 million Latrobe Valley Control Centre at Morwell.

It will be tight going to reach the opening stage in time, but that's the target and the Department is working hard to meet it. The November takeover will actually be only the first stage of full operation of the Centre, which will exercise direct control of the switching and surveillance of the local transmission system under the overall direction of the System Control Centre.

Yet-to-be-installed Cathode Ray Tube equipment is expected to bring the Centre into full operation in about April next year.

The centre was designed and engineered by Transmission Development Department.



Busy at work rebuilding an electric stove are two electrical apprentices.

## Stoves are as good as . . . . New

Ten apprentices from the apprentice training workshops at Yallourn get many and varied assignments . . . but their latest has been one of the more interesting and rewarding. For the past few weeks they have been stripping down 20 old electric stoves (from houses which have been moved from Yallourn) and have made up six good as new stoves.

The work was carried out under the watchful eye of apprentice training instructors.

The stoves, which were obtained from Yallourn sal-

vage, have given the apprentices the opportunity to gain experience in rewiring and installation of heat and simastate control switches for grilling and hot plate elements. This domestic line of work is not usually carried out by apprentices and is proving to be beneficial to them.

Apprentice training overseer Mike Meany is always on the look out for new fields of work experience for his apprentices — the more variation in their work, the more versatile the apprentice, Mike believes.



### New Mayor is S.E.C. Operator

Electrical operator Eric Alexander was recently elected mayor of Moe, the third SEC employe to be Mayor of the City in as many years.

The previous two were Hank Wegh (painter) and Jim Conaghan (foreman at YPS).

Eric, who has been with the Commission for 26 years, has been an East Ward councillor for three years.

This is his first term as mayor.

His 12 months as mayor will be a challenge and a highlight of his time in council.

Eric's wife Dorothy is also looking forward to her term as first lady.




**ENGINEERING  
SERVICES**

## “Sam” Looks at S.E.C.’s Transport Workshops and ..

Indonesian Hydro Electricity Authority mechanical engineer ‘Sam’ Soemarno recently spent two weeks with the SEC’s Yallourn transport workshop staff.

Sam who is in Australia for nine months under a scheme sponsored by the Australian Development Assistance Association, will spend a total of nine weeks with the SEC.

The remainder of his Australian stay will be with other government bodies.

In Indonesia, ‘Sam’ is in charge of 140 men engaged in mechanical workshops and transport operations at a hydro scheme in West Java.

Yallourn transport engineer Peter Elliott says the purpose of Sam’s visit to

the SEC was to observe work in the field and workshops, so as to gain further experience in his field.

Thirty-five year old Sam held discussions with senior transport officers and observed works in the Morwell transport workshops and visited Yallourn ‘W’ power station.

In the Latrobe Valley, he was especially interested in the servicing and maintenance of heavy plant such as bulldozers, cranes, graders and scrapers.

His visit is not the first by an Indonesian under the scheme.

In the past, Indonesian and Papuan New Guinea engineers have visited the Latrobe Valley to see SEC operations at first hand.



*Taking a keen interest in work being carried out on an engine in the transport workshops, Yallourn is ‘Sam’ Soemarno (centre), John Allison (left) and Wayne Mumford (right).*

## Fat, Stubborn & Smelly Visitor

Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation had an unheralded visitor early this month, a visitor who wandered into the area late in the afternoon, undetected, and spent the night sleeping under a parked SEC car.

Next morning more than 16 hours later, he was found when Jack Draper (supervisor, MBPI) tried to drive off in his work car.

The car wouldn’t move, nor would the fat, stubborn and smelly visitor . . . a 150 lb adult wombat.

Alec Bremner (Fire Ser-

vices, Morwell) and ‘Chucka’ Churchill and Ian McDonald were called in to capture the animal which they did in fine style — not without some hitches since the wombat didn’t want to go into the large bag the boys were aiming to put him in.

They eventually coaxed the wombat into the bag, later releasing him in bush near the Morwell Field and Game reserve at Hernes Oak.

The wombat was last seen dawdling into the scrub . . . where he would spend the night before moving on again.



*Above: “Don’t fall in”, fire officer Alex Bremner (left) appears to be saying to ‘Chucka’ Churchill, (head first into bag) trying to get a hold of the wombat while Ian McDonald (right) gives a helping hand.*

*Right: Ready! set! go! ‘Chucka’ Churchill (centre) holds the wombat’s hind legs before releasing him on the reserve at Hernes Oak.*



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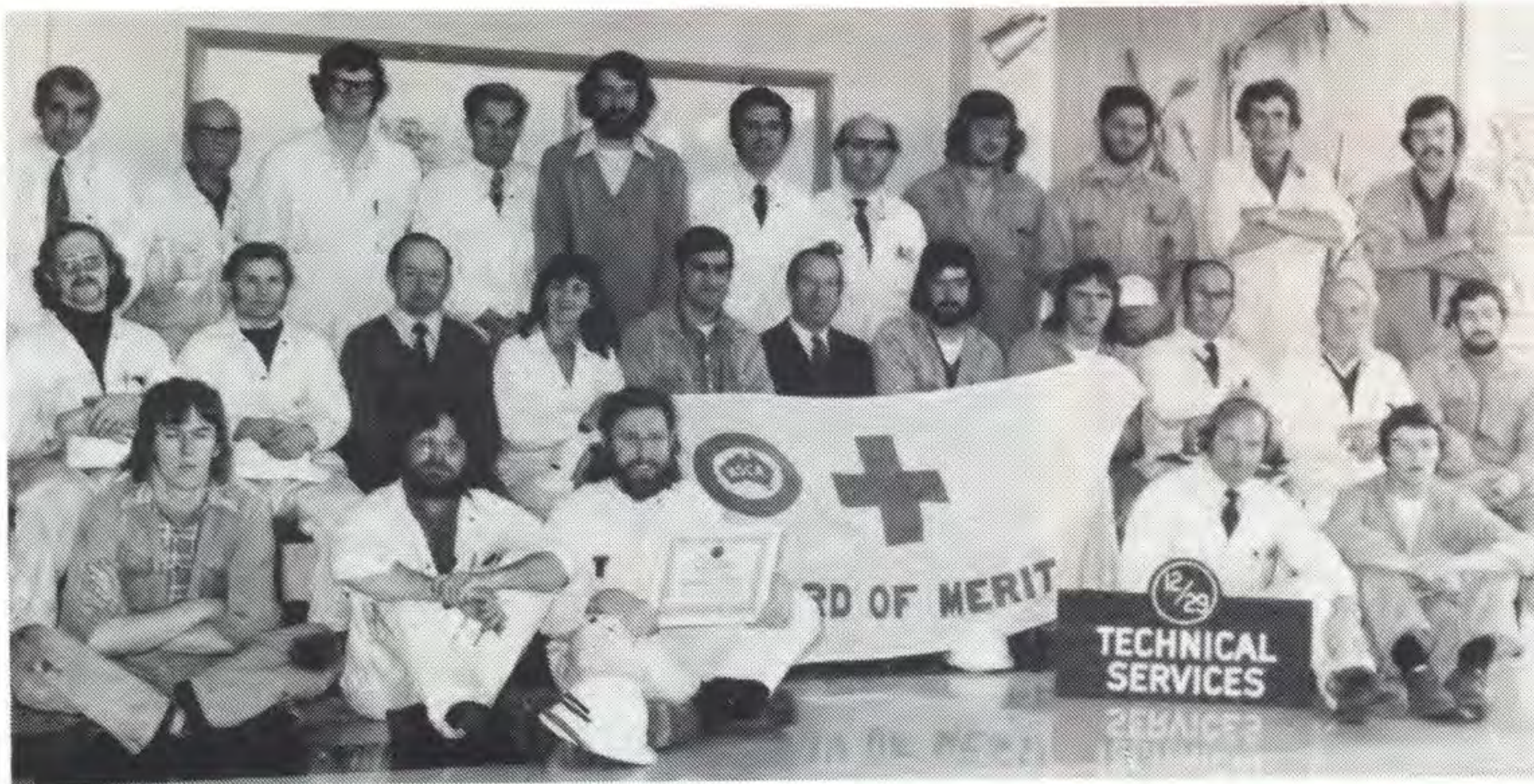
Two bedroomed holiday house at Eagle Point (not available from 8-1-77 to 30-1-77). Will require own cutlery and linen.

Contact: Mrs. Benjamin, 19 Torres Street, Newborough, or Phone 27 2573.





POWER  
GENERATION



Group members, pictured after the presentation of their safety pennant and certificate.

## Technical Services Third Award

Collecting safety awards is nothing new to the 61 members of groups 12 and 29 technical services section at the Hazelwood Power Station . . . since October, 1971, they have collected three 100,000 hour safety awards.

Their latest 100,000 man-hour award was presented to Fred DeGuara (instrument maker) in the HPS lecture room by Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson on September 2.

The section's first award in October 1971, for 103,220 manhours without a DI was followed again in November, 1974 with another, this time for 103,917 hours.

The group consists of engineers, chemists and associated staff as well as instrument tradesmen and trades assistants. The group is engaged throughout the station on various technical activities.

The section, which has currently reached 173,179 hours without suffering a DI, is rapidly heading towards the 250,000 hours mark.

## 'B' Station is on the Way Down

"Whelan the Wrecker is here" . . . and he is having a ball of a time demolishing the old B station at Yal-lourn.

According to Alan Cameron (Maintenance Supply supervisor) work has progressed steadily since Whelan started on August 4 this year.

His team of 20 workers have already removed the number 16 and 17 boiler-house roof, No. 9 chimney stack (over 30 metres high) and desheeted the conveyor gallery leading to the station.

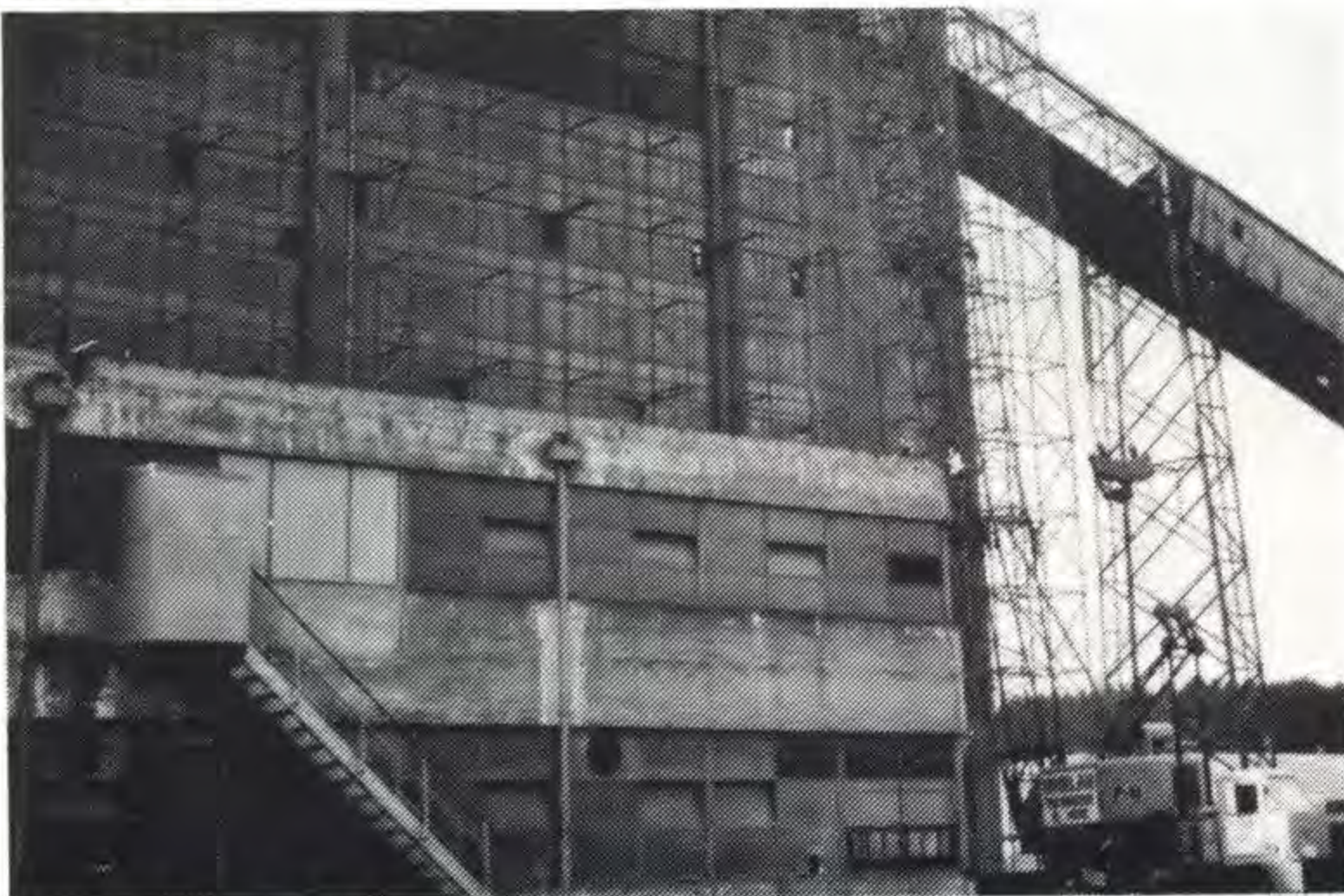
However, due to recent inclement weather, 'Whelan' has been concentrating on works inside the station.

'Whelan was sending all scrap metal to Melbourne by rail but since September 30, the scrap metal is being sold to Warragul Metals, who deliver it by road to Dandenong. However, Whelan is selling structural steel members, grid matting, chequer plate, piping and tubing on site.

Weather permitting work is expected to be completed by the middle of 1978.

Whelan the Wrecker won the contract to demolish the station at a cost of \$667,500 over a 78 week period.

*Left: Busy at work demolishing 'B' station, 'Whelan the Wrecker' workmen waste little time.*



## Open Cut is Between Two Valleys

The Loy Yang open cut will be established between the valleys of Traralgon and Sheepwash Creeks and extends from the southern boundary of the coal field towards Traralgon. Overburden removal will begin in 1980.

Coal for the first 2,000

MW stage will be won by three dredgers each with a capacity of about 60,000 tonnes a day — about twice that of the largest dredgers now used by the SEC Yal-lourn and Morwell.

A fourth dredger of similar capacity will be brought

into service for the second 2,000 MW stage.

Coal will be transported from the dredgers by large conveyors to a coal storage bunker between the two Loy Yang Power Stations.

Initially, overburden will be placed in an area south of the coal field. Later, as

coal winning progresses the overburden removed will be put in the worked-out area of the open cut.

The external overburden dump will be shaped to blend into the surrounding countryside and progressively covered with trees, shrubs and grasses.





*This spectacular picture of burning coal was taken inside the fire training centre.*

## Fire Training is a Success at M.B.P.I.

With summer only weeks away, fire fighting training is an important part of the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation's daily routine.

Training is held every Tuesday in the factories fire training centre under the watchful eye of Bill McGure (day overseer), who's been running the training sessions for more than 15 years.

Training begins with a one hour lecture by Installation Safety and Training supervisor Gordon Dadge, followed by an hour practical demonstration.

Gordon says it is important for Installation personnel to learn and practice the various fire fighting techniques in case of fire; an ever-present risk.

"The men have responded well to the lectures and demonstrations each week", Gordon added.

Over the past 12 months, more than 200 shift workers have undergone three training sessions each.

Gordon believes that because of their training, the men are now more aware of fire and its consequences.



*Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation workers demonstrate the correct way to extinguish small fires.*

## CARE NEEDED WHEN MOWING LAWNS

A recent incident in the Morwell works area highlighted the need for constant vigilance during any mowing operation . . . especially now that the warmer spring weather is with us, and with lawns and domestic pastures growing at twice their normal rate.

The picture (below) shows the type of ever-present hazard when grass is being cut with a rotary mower.

This projectile, ejected at high speed from a rotary mower, luckily caused no injury.

The piece of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " galvanised iron pipe (six inches long) was hurled about 15 metres across a main road before striking the wall of a building with sufficient force to punch a hole in the fibro-cement cladding.

Accident control Officer Rick Crookes points out that to perform this feat, the pipe had to clear a 1.5

metre embankment.

It struck the building concerned about 40 centimetres above the ground; but during its flight, it reached an elevation of about two metres.

"I don't need to go into detail on the type of injury that could have been inflicted, had the pipe struck someone", Rick says.

The message is clear

Before mowing,

- inspect the lawn for sticks, stones, wire, bolts, bones, pegs, etc.,
- keep eyes open for objects,
- wear solid boots or shoes,
- keep people and pets clear of the mowing area,
- keep feet well clear of the mower when starting, and,
- don't lift the mower while it is running — you may suddenly find yourself without a finger or two.



*Pictured (above) is the piece of pipe which was flung from beneath the mower.*

## FOR SALE

A Westinghouse electric stove 'Equaria' model in excellent condition — mounted on a cabinet. Features include: Rotisserie, automatic oven and magic eye.

Contact: ext. 3295 or 34 1229.



# RETIREMENTS



**TOM ADAMS**

Tom Adams, who retired from the Commission on September 10 after 40 years service plans an active retirement which will include an overseas trip to America and Europe.

His hobbies of bowls, sketching, photography, gardening and fishing will ensure an active retirement and his three grandchildren will keep Tom and his wife Ruby fully occupied.

Tom, who began with the SEC in January, 1936 as a junior draftsman and technical assistant with the Ballarat Electricity Supply Branch, transferred to Coal Supply, Yallourn, as assistant engineer in February, 1941.

In May, 1947, he was appointed assistant overseer, Coal Transport, Yallourn.

He received another promotion, to engineer, coal production, Yallourn in December, 1949, where he



**BILL CORNFORD**

Edward 'Bill' Cornford received a handyman kit and a wallet full of notes from his workmates when he retired from the Commission on September 1. Bill and his wife Dorothy plan a

acted as deputy Superintendent, Open Cut, Yallourn.

Tom was appointed Overburden Operations Superintendent, Morwell, in June, 1951, later holding the corresponding position at Yallourn.

In March, 1957, he was appointed Investigations Engineer, Coal Production, Yallourn, taking over responsibility in this field for both Morwell and Yallourn open cuts in 1964.

Very active within the community, Tom puts his bowls experience to full use as coach of Newborough Bowls Club. He was District Commissioner for the Strzelecki scouting district for five years and has been associated with scouting in the Latrobe Valley for 15 years.

Tom was tendered two highly enjoyable farewells, one by staff and the other by wages personnel.

quiet retirement. Among their early retirement plans is a holiday to South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and New Zealand.

Bill began with the Commission in January, 1951 as a storeman at Morwell stores. He worked his way up the ladder to leading hand storeman, stores assistant and finally — in 1965 storeroom supervisor, the position from which he retired after 26 years with the SEC.



**FRANK McCLARE**

After 22 years with the Commission, Frank McClare called it a day on September 21 at an informal farewell function in the Yallourn 'C' station canteen.

He began with the SEC in August, 1954 as a cleaner at Yallourn Power Station; in December, 1956 received promotion to leading hand cleaner, a position he held until March, 1970, when he took on the position of a mechanical plant driver at YPS, the position from which he retired.

In retirement, Frank and his wife Joan plan a caravanning holiday to Western Australia before returning to Hernes Oak, where they will continue to live. Frank's hobbies of gardening, fishing, rearing poultry and following football will keep him active in retirement.

Acting YPS maintenance engineer Laurie Sartori presented Frank with a toaster, a grease pump, a vita-miser and kettle. A sheaf of flowers to pass on to Joan McClare was also presented.



**DICK WILSON**

Retirement brings big lifestyle changes for Dick Wilson and his wife Doris — they will be returning to England to live now that Dick has retired from the Commission.

He worked with the SEC for 21 years as a trades assistant at Coal Production, Yallourn.

A professional masseur, Dick was an active member of the Churchill and Moe Soccer Clubs — and he will continue to take an active interest in soccer.

Assistant Coal Production

Superintendent, Yallourn, Laurie Baker presented Dick with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates at a farewell in the maintenance canteen on September 17.

One of the department's more colorful characters, Dick will live in Sheffield on his return to the UK.

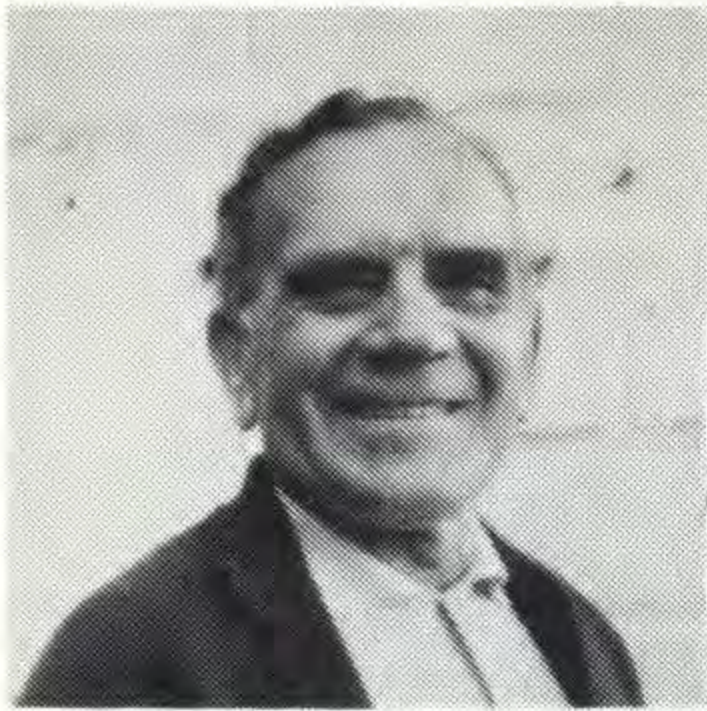
## For Sale

A complete set of leg exercising weights (30 lb) in excellent condition. Would be ideal for footballer. \$40. CONTACT: Geoff Ryan, ext. 2885.

An aquarium 6' x 2' with lights and mounted on a 3 doored cabinet. In excellent condition.

Contact: ext. 3295 or 34 1229.



**STAN WEGLARZ**

Stan Weglarz plans to travel extensively throughout Australia and overseas in retirement.

With his wife Maria, Stan will first trip around Australia — and then its off to Poland and Germany.

Stan retired from the Commission on September

17 after 15 years service.

He began as a platelayer in Morwell in August, 1961, transferring two years later to pickman, Yallourn. In March, 1963, he was promoted to leading hand platelayer. Stan retired as a trades assistant at Coal Production, Yallourn.

In retirement, Stan will continue to live in Moe and enjoy his hobbies of fishing and swimming.

Mechanical maintenance supervisor Bob Dunlop presented Stan with a digital clock and five packets of tobacco on behalf of workmates at an informal farewell function in the Coal Production maintenance canteen at Yallourn.

**EDDIE SWANINK**

An old coal production personality called it a day on September 10, after 23 years with the Commission.

'Eddie' Swanink began with the Commission in February, 1953, as an electrical fitter at Yallourn, a position he held for 18 years before being promoted to

electrician special class in March, 1971.

In retirement, 'Eddie' will live in Newborough where he is building a new house for himself and his wife Maryke.

But before settling down in Newborough, the Swanink's are planning a holiday around Australia, which will include a visit to their two daughters in Alice Springs and Darwin.

At a farewell in the Yallourn Coal Production maintenance canteen, he was presented with gifts on behalf of workmates by Yallourn Open Cut Superintendent Col Ferguson.

**RAY EDWARDS**

Popular SEC personality Ray Edwards retired from the Commission on October 1, after 26 years service.

Ray, who worked mainly with stores and supply in Morwell and Yallourn, began with the Commission on September 19, 1950, as a mechanical assistant with transport maintenance, Morwell. The following year, he was appointed to staff as a stores assistant and inspector of accounts branch, attached to Morwell stores.

He was then transferred to Yallourn main store in October, 1953, remaining there until his appointment as clerk at Morwell supplies in August, 1958.

Ray was appointed stores officer at Morwell in 1960.

Finally — in October, 1969 — he was appointed commercial administrative officer with Area Administration, the position from which he retired.

In retirement, he and his wife Yvonne will live in Dromana.

Their short-term plan is to take off on a caravanning holiday around Australia, while in the long term, a holiday to New Zealand and, then on to Europe is planned.

Golf and fishing will be taking up some of Ray's time in retirement.

At an informal farewell in the Yallourn supplies office, Supplies Officer Tom Kennedy presented Ray with a toaster oven and an envelope of notes on behalf of his workmates.

## Guides New Home

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Day and Good Friday are the exceptions.

Approximately 50,000 visitors each year take advantage of the Yallourn Works Area tour service (80,000 is the Latrobe Valley total).

The transfer from the former centre became necessary as a result of mounting pressure on land space in the vicinity of the expanding Yallourn "W" power station.

● **The former Visitors' Centre was officially opened at Yallourn on October 3,**

**1962.**

Tours of the Yallourn Works Area were very popular even then — many visitors "jumped the gun", including the first recorded SEC tourist, Mr. J. McKenzie, of Cowes, Phillip Island.

He was welcomed to the Visitors' Centre on September 17.

Guides located at Yallourn can still be contacted on extension 2756.

Bookings and enquiries relating to tours of inspection should be directed to Jenny DeVries on extension 3415 or 3425.

## We're in the Army now and enjoying it

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rough it; in fact, they have recently returned from a 14 day recruit training course at Puckapunyal.

During the course, they joined with male recruits for all aspects of training, including drill, weapon training, first aid, map reading and bivouacs in the open . . . just to mention a few.

There were 28 WRAAC's on the course, during which Linda Hall was runner-up to the top female recruit.

The girls say satisfaction is gained by knowing that they are working with a team, helping others and learning activities they wouldn't learn in civilian life.

Apart from Army life, the girls other interests include various sports, Young Farmers, work with Brownies and travelling.

However, the girls do have one problem — men; they are out numbered 35 to 1 . . . but from all reports they enjoy the situation.



## Schoolboys From New Guinea

A party of 37 Papua New Guinea under 17 schoolboy footballers and officials were among the thousands of visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works area this month.

Other visitors were from Ghana and Japan, as well as many from interstate.

The New Guinea schoolboys' visit was part of a two-day Gippsland tour.

The first overseas visitors were two Ghana school principals Mr. J. Vodzi and Mr. E. Dodzidenu, who held discussions with SEC education and training officers and looked over training facilities at Yallourn.

The Japanese visitors were five senior management members of Nissho-Iwai Co.

They were the managing director and executive general manager ferrous materials division, Mr. T. Nakamura; general manager iron ore department, Mr. Y. Sasaki; section chief coking coal department, Mr. S. Matsunari; general manager (Sydney), Mr. Fujisaigu, and minerals manager (Melbourne), Mr. M. Kamei.

Their visit included discussions with Coal Production Department officers and tours of the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts.

Among other visitors were a three-man party from Conzinc Riotinto Australia, including general manager Don Carruthers, manager (Technology) Bruce Rawlings, and coal technologist D. Cain.

They also had discussions with Coal Production Department and visited the Yallourn and Morwell open cuts.



*Pictured during their visit to the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation are members of the Nissho Iwai Co. party. MBPI assistant briquette production superintendent Bob Jobling is also pictured (far right).*



*Below: Showing a keen interest in an SEC booklet are Ghana school teachers Mr. Vodzi (second from left) and Mr. Dodzidenu (second from right).*

*Seven of the visiting New Guinea footballers take a closer look at our brown coal while a team-mate steps in to take a pictorial record.*



*Studying a piece of brown coal, from Morwell open cut, are the three representatives from Conzinc Riotinto and Acting Coal production superintendent (headquarters) Don Wakefield (third from left).*