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SEC

CONTACT

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Service Register

COMMISSION employes who reached significant service milestones during January are included in this month's register.

25 YEARS:

F. X. Vella	Area Administration
W. T. Spencer	Civil, Morwell
R. O. Wall	Workshops, Morwell
R. A. Key	Coal, Morwell
W. R. Troy	Coal, Yallourn
W. S. Cordinor	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
F. G. Rooney	Coal, Yallourn
J. Robertson	Yallourn Power Station
J. F. Hargraves	Civil, Yallourn
S. Smith	Workshops, Yallourn
K. A. Lofts	Workshops, Morwell
H. R. Banks	Workshops, Yallourn
A. E. Barrow	Civil, Yallourn
A. A. Giles	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
A. R. Flanigan	Yallourn Power Station
L. C. Darrington	Yallourn Power Station
W. J. Shan	Civil, Yallourn
H. R. Pegg	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
J. H. Franssen	Yallourn Power Station

30 YEARS:

R. J. Larkins	Civil, Yallourn
J. A. Baudinette	Coal, Yallourn
A. F. Dell	Yallourn Power Station
A. E. Skinner	Coal, Yallourn

35 YEARS:

R. W. Humphries	Civil, Yallourn
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36 YEARS:

E. J. Cameron	Civil, Yallourn
V. G. G. Robinson	Civil, Yallourn
C. W. Walker	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
A. R. Risk	Coal, Yallourn
R. W. Cordell	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
S. D. Redman	Coal, Yallourn
F. W. Saunders	Coal, Morwell

38 YEARS:

J. L. Duxbury	Yallourn Power Station
R. F. Lock	Coal, Yallourn

39 YEARS:

N. J. McGuinness	Yallourn Power Station
C. W. Metcalf	Workshops, Yallourn

40 YEARS:

J. F. I. Gordon	Civil, Morwell
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42 YEARS:

H. Stanton	Workshops, Yallourn
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• Because there was no January CONTACT, The January and February service registers have been published this month.

Service Register

COMMISSION employes who have reached significant service milestones during February are included in the register below:

25 YEARS:

V. F. Gore	Coal, Yallourn
K. W. Douglas	Civil, Yallourn
J. Kozak	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
V. W. Peachey	Yallourn Power Station
E. A. Seath	Yallourn Power Station
H. R. Dwyer	Coal, Yallourn
S. T. Charalambides	Yallourn Power Station
C. Charalambous	Yallourn Power Station
D. Shankland	Yallourn Power Station
A. Baranavskas	Yallourn Power Station
A. P. Georgion	Yallourn 'W' Power Station
N. S. Zammit	Yallourn Power Station
E. R. Barnes	Yallourn Power Station

30 YEARS:

N. A. Boys	Workshops, Morwell
N. C. Harwood	Coal, Yallourn
R. D. Cole	Civil, Morwell
C. F. Manicola	Transmission
K. D. Gow	Workshops, Morwell

35 YEARS:

E. W. Gannon	Civil, Yallourn
L. B. Potter	Coal, Yallourn
W. A. Stephens	Morwell Briquetting & Power Installation

36 YEARS:

C. James	Coal, Yallourn
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38 YEARS:

D. B. McFarlane	Civil, Yallourn
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40 YEARS:

J. W. Coyle	Civil, Yallourn
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41 YEARS:

W. N. Melbourne	Workshops, Yallourn
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42 YEARS:

H. C. Taylor	Yallourn Power Station
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WHOLLY SET UP BY THE L.V. PRINTERS, TRARALGON — MOE

Cover

ATTRACTIVE Ann Petersen (typist at Hazelwood Power Station's training annex) is pictured with three kittens she fostered at the annex until homes were found for them with Commission employes.

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NEW VISITORS' CENTRE TO BOOST TOURISM

The SEC's new visitors' centre in Morwell would help boost tourism services in the Latrobe Valley, Assistant General Manager (Operations), Mr. Bill De Campo, said at the centre's opening on December 14.

Mr. De Campo, who officially opened the building — the first specifically de-

signed to cater for visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley works areas — said he hoped it would act as a "catalyst and stimulus" to visitors to see more of the Valley. He said that the SEC, which was well aware that tourism was one of the State's fastest growing industries, was happy to work in conjunction with local tourist organisations to stimulate interest in the Valley's undoubted potential for sightseeing.

"We confidently expect this centre to bring real benefits not only to visitors themselves and the SEC, but to the whole Latrobe Valley community", he said.

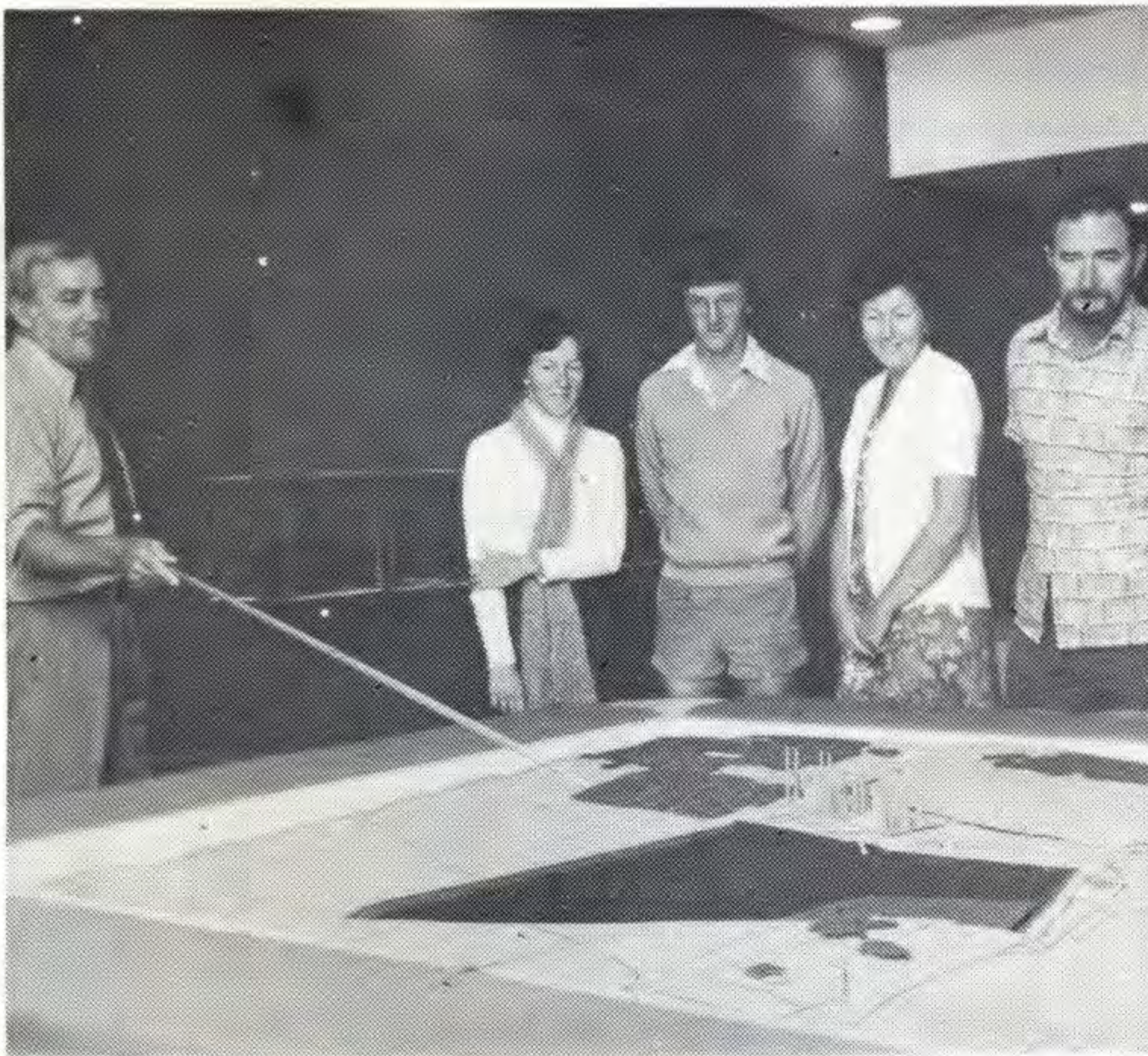
Mr. De Campo said the SEC estimated that up to 100,000 visitors — an average of more than 300 per day — would begin works area tours at the new visitors' centre.

He said that the original centre established in Yallourn during the 1960's had attracted a total of more than one million people, including a large number of school children and visitors from interstate and overseas.

Although that centre had closed, guides still based in Yallourn continued to operate from premises in the town.

The Morwell building was more central and more suitably located to serve as the major visitors' centre in view of current SEC activities and proposed Loy Yang development, he added.

He said that as well as serving its purpose as an assembly point for visitors and centre for Commission displays, the building included several areas suitable for conference-type functions.



SEC guide 'Bub' Whitbourne (far left) is pictured outlining to the Worling family of Ballina, New South Wales, some relevant details of the Loy Yang project. The Worlings (from left) Linda, Greg, Islet and Bob were among the first visitors to the new centre, which was opened late last year.



Pictured discussing the Loy Yang model at the opening of the SEC's new visitors centre are (from left) Public Relations Officer Stan Aitken, Phillip Hunt and Veronica Friday, Audio Visual Workshops, Melbourne, Assistant General Manager (Operations) Bill De Campo and the SEC's Chief Architect Tilak Chhibber.

FOR SALE

Attractive, well positioned 2 bed-roomed house in Morwell in excellent condition. Would suit either a young or elderly couple. Price: \$25,000. Contact: Ext. 3557 or phone 34 4410.

Appeal record tribute

The Ham Ballagh Memorial Appeal for the Victorian School for Deaf Children was an outstanding success, 1976-77 appeal co-ordinator Geoff Ryan announced last week that the total raised was a record \$1,385.57, easily surpassing the record set the previous year of \$1,003.

The great response was a clear tribute to the late Ham Ballagh, a tireless worker for the School and for a number of other community causes.

Increases in donations were recorded for every

to 'Ham'

Operations Group department, an indication of the widespread support enjoyed by the appeal.

In the 12 years since the first appeal within the SEC for the Victorian School for Deaf Children, a total of \$7,878.07 has been raised by SEC personnel in the old Latrobe Valley Department and Operations Group of departments.

And since the money attracts a generous State Government subsidy, its value

is considerably enhanced.

Funds from the 1976-77 appeal will be used in a special way — probably to help finance employment of a full-time audiologist, a highly qualified technician who monitors, checks and controls the use of hearing aids and special equipment used in the training of deaf children.

A special Ham Ballagh memorial is to be established at the school

• There are a number of children of Gippsland SEC personnel attending the school.



John Naismith's comment . . .



NORM HAD A ROUGH TIME ON DECEMBER 10

Morwell main stores attendant Norm Rough had more than his fair share of worries on the eve of his marriage to Johanna Vander Sol of Morwell on December 11.

Norm's workmates went to some lengths (or links) on December 10 to make sure he was locked up for some time . . . and if need be until the time of his wedding the following day.

Norm not only had a lot on his mind; he also had a lot on his leg too . . . a 40 lb weight shackled to

his left ankle and an eight foot chain locked to the steel frame of the stores shed.

Workmates left him chained up for more than an hour before deciding to free an anxious and worried Norm . . . but there was a small problem, the keys wouldn't unlock the two padlocks, so Norm was given a hand file to tackle the problem.

However, all's well that ends well. After some persuasion by Norm the keys did their job, much to his relief.



Norm Rough (pictured above) is about ready to get busy with the file.

THE FEMALE SECS

AFTER three years of being tea lady in the Area Administration building (Wing 5) Helen 'Ella' Ilman called it a day on January 19. 'Ella' and her hubby Vern — who retired last December after 20 year with the Commission — will make their future home at Moama Beach in Adelaide.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sharon Scott, who has been promoted to a senior typist attached to personnel. Sharon replaces Elaine Watson, who has been working in personnel for some weeks as a temporary typist.



WEDDING bells rang for Mary Danyluk (personal secretary to Manager, Area Administration George Bates) in Trafalgar on January 15. Mary married Ed Whelan (an SEC commercial-trainee). After a touring holiday of Tasmania, Mary and Ed returned to work early this month. Wedding bells also rang recently for Dianne Thompson and Thelma Innes of Data Processing. Dianne married Bill Roots in Morwell on December 18, and Thelma married Claus Klausbeck on January 8, also in Morwell. All the best for the future to all concerned.



THE new 1977 intake of SEC typists began work with the Commission on Monday, January 10, at Morwell. In the 1977

team are Wendy Hans-torfer, Carmen Um-brasas, Robyn Luke, Ruth Boulton, Margaret Ljubinkovic, Dagmar Gruss, Pauline Maggs, Piner Massaus, Mary Iskric (formerly the mail girl from records) and Wendy Miles — welcome.



CHRISTMAS day was an extra special day for Claire Grealy (typist Morwell) . . . she and Pat Brown, of North New-borough, announced their engagement. Congratulations.



THE Tattsлото numbers came up for seven Morwell typists early in January, when their system entry — 'Pool Fools' — won second division prize in draw No. 229. The dividend was \$1093 a handy payout for each girl of more than \$156.



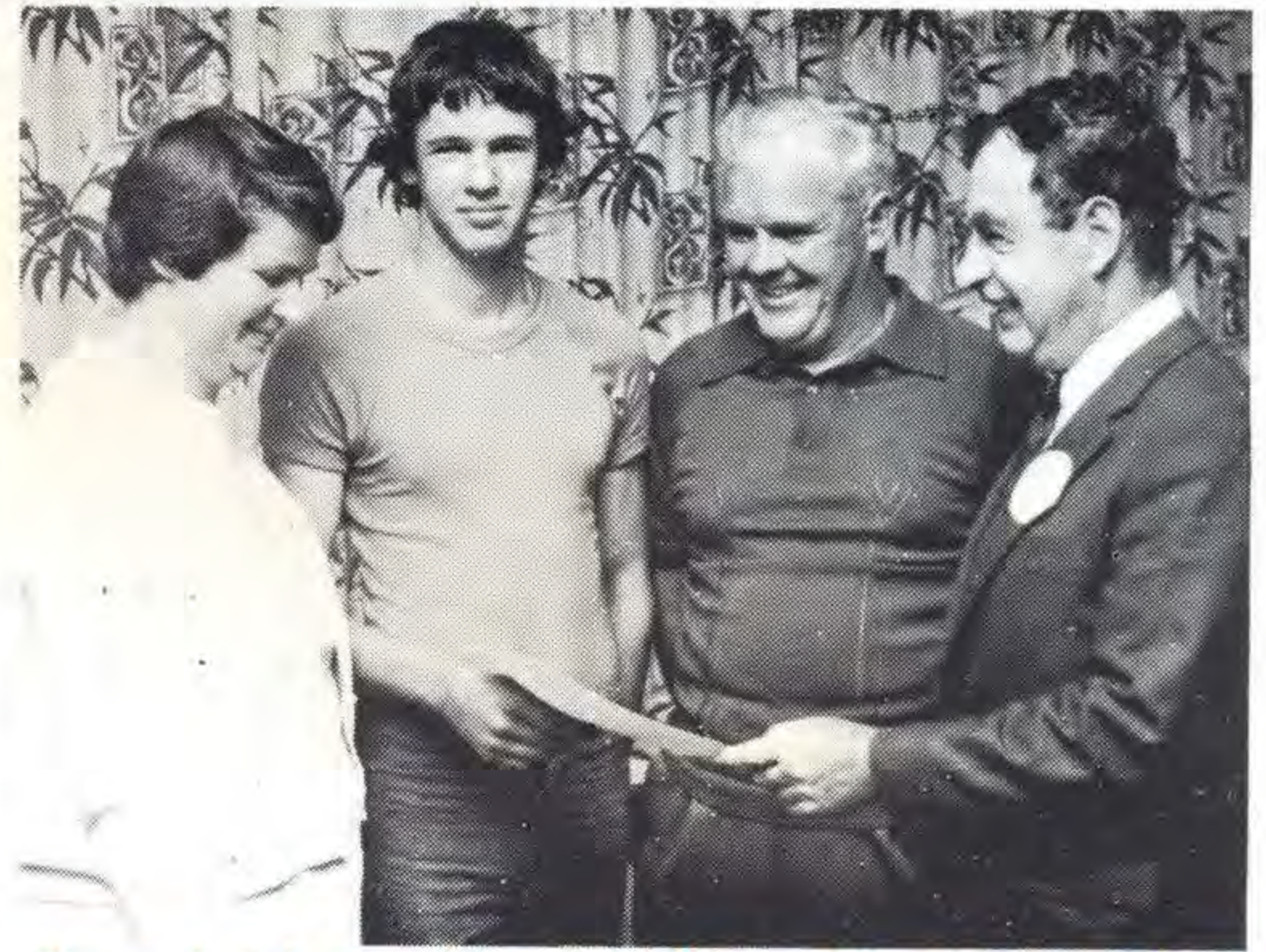
VAL Veysey (personal secretary to Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson) returned during January from a three week holiday in Queensland and Northern Victoria. Acting secretary to MPG was Sue Dyer, from Construction Yallourn.



THAT's all for this month, but keep the stories coming in to ext. 3357 or 3642.



Eight award of merit winners are pictured (above) after the presentations. They are (from left) Phillip Baillie, Paul Grassens, Geoff Campbell, Joe Lang, Glen Furlong, Mark Wilson, Eric Kriis and Martin Brown.



Pictured (above) discussing Wayne Smith's award are (from left) his mother Heather, Wayne, his father Wally and Training and Development officer Harry Liefman.



Congratulations Jim! Engineering Services Manager Max Gray (left) present Jim Brown with his award of distinction in electrical mechanics.

Distinction awards to top four SEC apprentices

Four apprentices received distinction awards at the SEC's annual 1st year apprentice presentation day on December 15:

Distinction awards went to Wayne Smith of Mirboo (fitting and turning), Adrian Zwagerman of Moe (boiler-making and structural steel fabrication), Jim Brown of Newborough and Kevin Tay-

lor of Moe (electrical mechanics).

Fifteen other apprentices received awards of merit in their respective trades from manager Engineering Services, Max Gray.

A crowd of more than 300 including parents and families of apprentices, attended the successful pre-

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Proudly displaying their distinction awards after the presentations are (from left) Wayne Smith, Kevin Taylor, Manager Engineering Services Max Gray, Adrian Zwagerman and Jim Brown.



Above: Allen Kelly (assistant apprentice training officer, Mechanical) received an extra large bottle of whisky from apprentices for his valuable help to them throughout the year.



Max Griffin, Officer-in-charge of the Water Test Group is pictured (right) operating the atomic absorption spectrometer in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation's chemistry laboratory.

Busy operating the Kjeldahl apparatus for the determination of nutrients are (from left) Mario Di Corleto (Technical Services Officer) and Dr. Harry Schaap.



Scientists are kept busy on trace element experiments

A small group of Commission scientists has been extremely busy during the past few months working on an important project here in the Latrobe Valley.

Since December, 1973, a team of scientists at the Herman Research Laboratory, has been monitoring a large area of the Latrobe Valley stream system.

At the same time, chemists in Power Generation Department have been analysing the Commission's waste

waters, as required by the Environment Protection Authorities discharge licences.

This work was recently consolidated by the formation of a central water tests group led by chemist Max Griffin, of Morwell.

In future, the central water tests group will conduct surveys of all the major areas, such as nutrients, turbidity, color and suspended solids from Morwell chemistry laboratory.

The HRL group, led by Kerry Bone (scientific officer) and Dr. Harry Schaap, have developed and implemented a test program for the determination of trace and minor elements in waters and waste waters.

This work will be taken over by the central water tests group.

Dr. Schaap points out that monitoring of trace elements in the environment is of considerable importance; small amounts above a natural background level may affect aspects of plant and animal life.

The HRL team is studying levels and concentration ranges of trace elements in brown coal and what happens to them in the combustion process.

It appears at this stage that most trace elements are safely 'locked-up' in the brown coal ash, which is stored in ash ponds. Some elements may escape into the environment.

The team hopes to determine the distribution of trace elements on coal combustion, and gauge the effect, if any, on the environment.

It will be looking at discharges to the air, water and land.

Long distance computer

Have you ever heard of a long distance computer — you haven't . . . well nor had CONTACT until recently either.

It was brought to our notice by Max Griffin of the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation's chemistry laboratory.

Max says a computer access and retrieval system is now available to those SEC

available

employees wishing to conduct literature surveys on projects or research activities.

The assistance comes via the CSIRO library information service, which has access to the "Dialog" computer system in the U.S.A.

Arrangements are made through the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C.

Max recently used the system to conclude a project on corrosion in boiler plant.

Details about use of the system can be obtained by contacting Max on extension 3560, or through the SEC's Latrobe Valley technical library.



Gardening award to Peter Townsend

The Commission could have a budding Kevin Heinze in apprentice gardener Peter Townsend, of Yallourn.

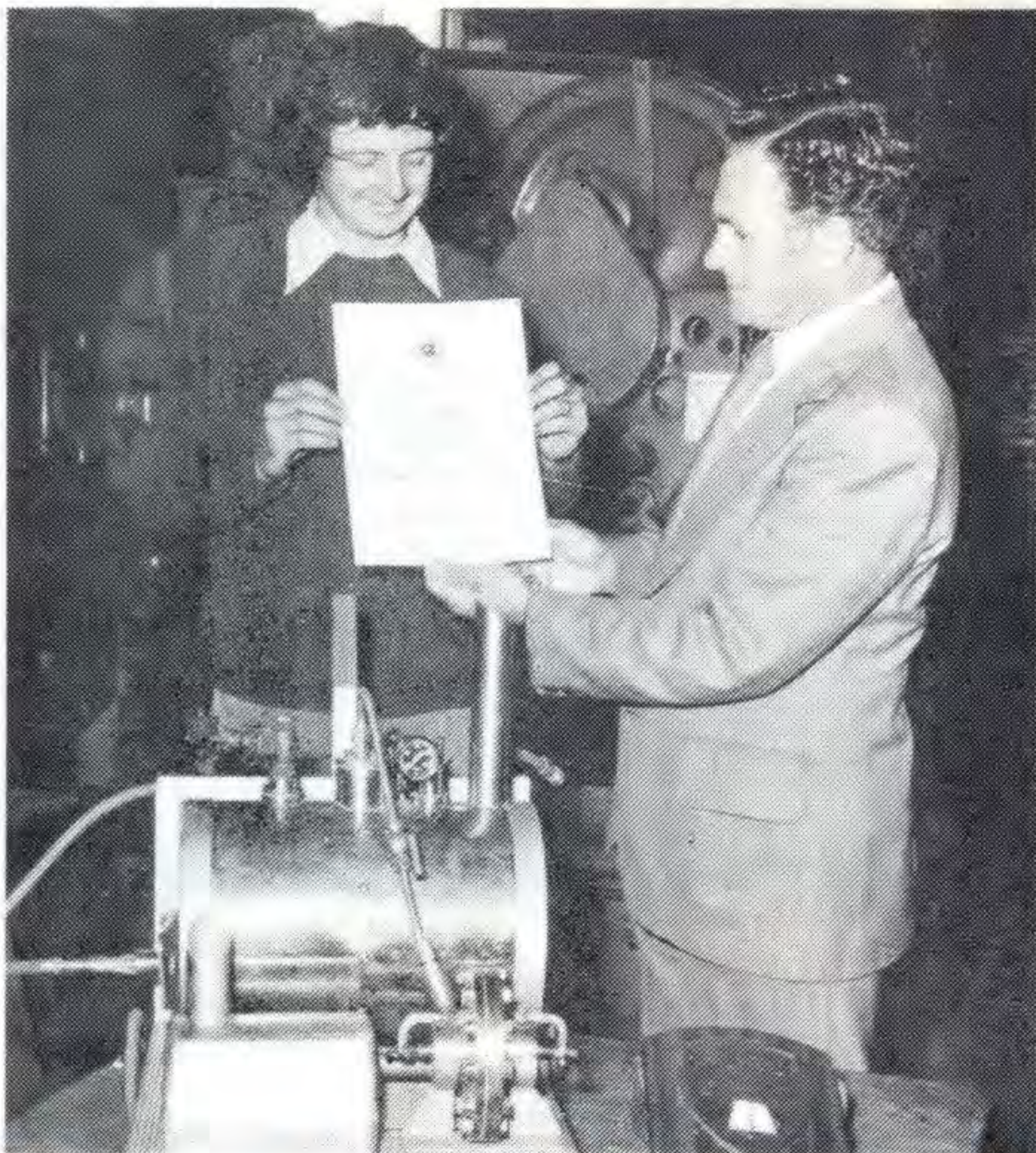
Peter, who is undertaking a horticultural trades apprenticeship at Oakleigh Technical School, won the most improved apprentice award last year from a field of more than 80 apprentices.

The school's Advisory Council president, Mr. Ron Campbell, presented Peter with his award at the annual apprentice and engineering technology award afternoon.

Peter, who attends the school on four occasions each year — two weeks at a time — is understandably proud to have won the award.



Peter Townsend (pictured above) keeps busy on the gardening front.



Another award to Peter Northover

Peter Northover is all smiles as he receives a certificate from the Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria notifying him of an Honorable Mention Award for craftsmanship in boilermaking and structural steel fabrication.

The certificate is being presented by Yallourn Technical College vice-principal Len Phippen.

Peter won the award for

his entry of a steam driven turbine in the annual State apprentices' display in Melbourne last year.

As well as his latest award, Peter won the coveted Boilermakers Instructors' Association of Victoria outstanding apprentice award for 1975.

Currently working at Hazelwood Power Station, Peter completes his apprenticeship early this year.

Construction of Loy Yang project

The construction of the initial Loy Yang 2000 MW project will require a gradual build-up in the workforce from about 50 initially to about 1500 by 1981.

Continued development of Loy Yang to 4000 MW will increase the workforce to a peak of about 2000 by 1988.

This will be made up of contractors' employes re-

quired to build the power stations, open cut transmission and ancillary works, as well as the SEC's small supervisory staff.

However, the net increase in the peak construction workforce associated with the SEC's undertakings in the Latrobe Valley in the 1980's will be only 1000 after allowing absorption of some 1000 now employed

in the construction of the Yallourn 'W' project, which is scheduled for completion by 1980.

Operation of the power station and the open cut will require between 700 and 1000 employes for the initial 2000 MW stage and between 1000 and 1500 for the full 4000 MW project.

After allowing for the retirement of some of the old-

er generating plants in the Latrobe Valley, the net increase in SEC employes will be about 500.

At present the project area is served by several roads. Some of these will have to be realigned and others will have to be upgraded and widened to allow for increased traffic and heavy loads of construction equipment.

CHRISTMAS PICNICS HELD IN ADVERSE WEATHER



The weather was wet and windy, but four of the SEC's Latrobe Valley-based social clubs went ahead with their annual Christmas picnics on December 12 — and CONTACT was there to capture some of the action in pictures.

The social clubs were from Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory, Yallourn 'W' Power Station, the Yallourn Central Workshops and Yallourn Drawing Offices.

More than 900 people attended.

The workshops picnic at Thorpdale football oval was highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus — as was the case at all the picnics — but with the attraction of a visit by clowns Zig and Zag, who entertained the children (and parents) for more than an hour.

The Yinnar football oval was the venue for the Morwell Power Station and Briquette Factory club picnic, where children enjoyed themselves on the merry-go-rounds, train rides and picnic races.

More than 250 attended.

Meanwhile on Arthur Adams farm at Morwell the Yallourn 'W' picnic was under way with more than 300 people enjoying the activities, which included horse and cart, tractor and trailer rides.

Picturesque Cowwarr Weir was chosen for the Yallourn Drawing Office picnic, which drew an attendance of more than 100 despite adverse weather.





The electrical lead pictured above appears to be in good condition . . . but all is not as it seems. In fact, it has a badly damaged flexible cord. Four separate instances of damage have occurred — the cord has been jammed in a doorway; run over and struck by a heavy falling object. In addition, strain has occurred at one end, probably as a result of pulling the plug from a power point by hand.

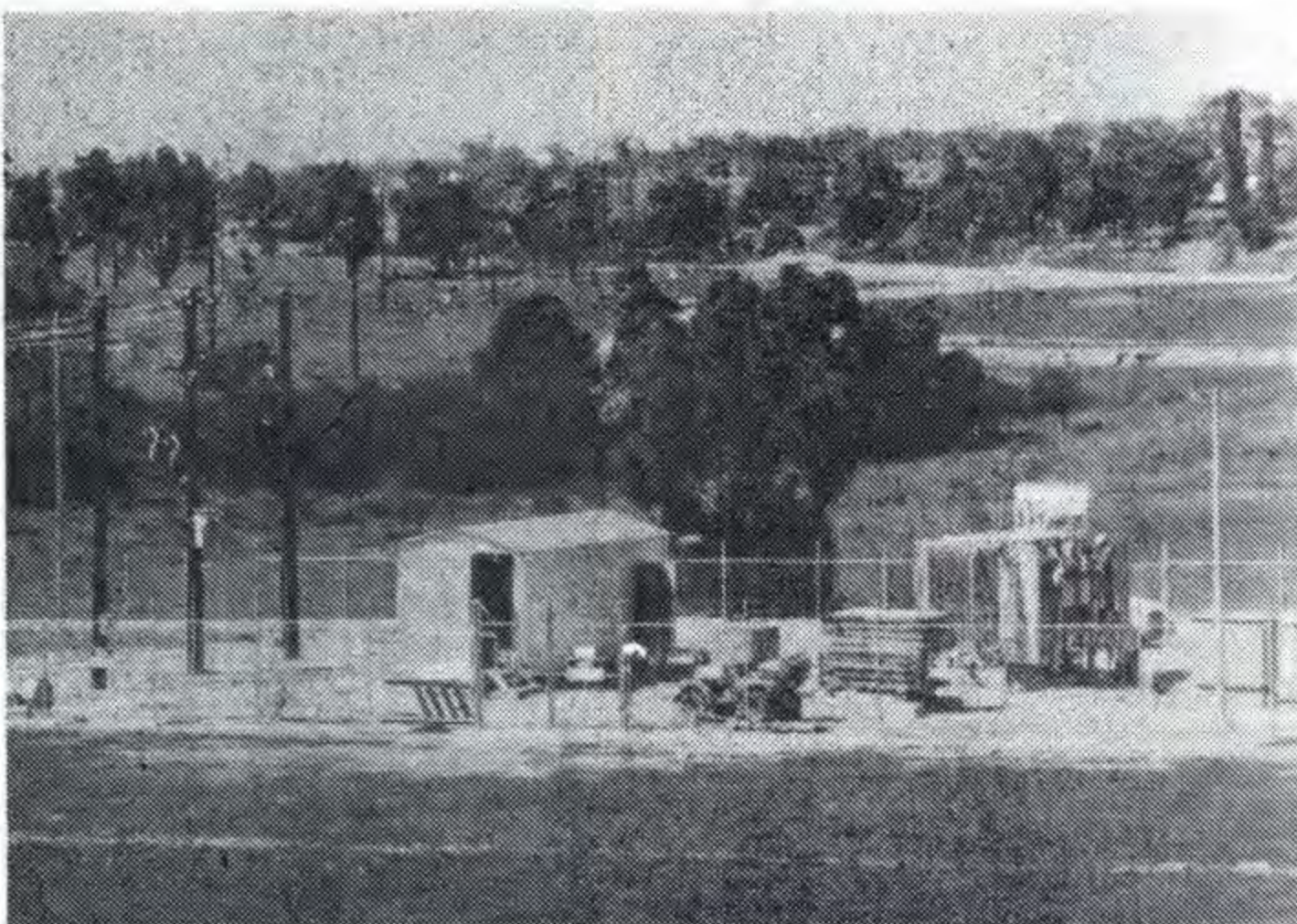
New sub station at Hernes Oak

Work began on the new sub-station in April last year and was completed in late December.

The new Hernes Oak sub-station, off Valley Road, Yallourn has been completed and is now in operation.

The sub-station will supply electricity to the new No. 13 overburden dredger now under construction at Hernes Oak, and associated overburden conveyors.

Equipment in the yard includes a transformer and switchhouse.



Pictured above is the new Hernes Oak sub-station at Yallourn.

Humble electrical lead — Have you checked yours out?

The humble electrical lead is a much-used medium for supplying energy to a wide range of tools, record players, heating appliances, cookers and lighting . . . but as well as being a great servant it can be dangerous if not handled well.

In fact, there are several common, everyday practices which are hazardous and add to the number of electrical fatalities which occur each year.

Sixty-six per cent of all electrical fatalities occur from normal household and workplace voltages — and many of the defects which lead to death could be avoided simply by commonsense use of the apparatus concerned.

These "shock" experiences, in many cases, may be avoided by regular testing of appliance and lead, using approved equipment operated by skilled people.

Leads supplied with appliances are often too short, requiring an extension lead to overcome the situation.

A good way to guarantee electrical fatalities is for unskilled people to make up their own extension leads, with wrongly wired or open-circuited connections.

The solution is simple.

Either obtain an extension lead of appropriate length (manufactured by skilled people), or — better still — have a skilled man replace the lead on the appliance with a longer one . . . and test it for safety before use.

Other safety points to remember with electrical leads are:

- Leads should be protected from abuse and damage, i.e. being pinched

in doorways, run over by truck or car wheels, damage by falling objects.

- Leads must not be pulled or yanked from outlets, a practice which can cause broken connections in the plug or damage to the outlet, either of which could lead to an unsafe condition. This method of disconnection leaves the outlet switched on and could be hazardous for the next person to use the outlet.

- Regularly inspect electrical appliances and leads for damage to lead or components, checking also for loose plugs. Any doubtful area should be checked out by a skilled tradesman before use.

- It is worthwhile having a skilled tradesman check out your electrical appliances and leads thoroughly for electric safety periodically.

Noise will meet requirements

Noise from the Loy Yang Project will be controlled to meet the draft regulatory requirements of the EPA. Every care will be taken during construction to minimise noise.

In addition, construction sites for both power stations and coal dredgers will be some 4 kilometres from the nearest boundary of Traralgon.

The use of modern design techniques and island foundations for power station plant will ensure that vibration from the station will have no affect outside the project boundary.



Morwell overburden system outage highly successful

Because of the importance of the overburden system in the development of Morwell open cut, long, planned outages of the plant are very rare.

Consequently, a recently completed 15 day outage presented an opportunity to tackle many jobs which couldn't be attempted in shorter outages.

Planning for the outage began 12 months ago and every aspect was considered before the shutdown.

Factors included:—

- selection of suitable work sites,
- inter-relation of electrical, mechanical and service works,
- establishment of required manpower for the outage,
- setting up of suitable accommodation and amenities on site,
- procurement of parts, equipment and tools in time for the outage,
- development of check procedure to ensure that the outage schedule was maintained, and,
- a familiarisation period before the outage to ensure that all personnel involved had a clear picture of their roles.

The ultimate success of the outage program emphasised the importance of the planning procedure, giving Coal Production Department an ideal model to follow in future.

The overburden operations section and the mechanical and electrical maintenance sections worked closely together throughout.

The long-awaited resister bank outage on No. 10 dredger involved extensive removal, change-over and

relocation of resister banks, as well as control circuit modifications and additions on the dredger bucket wheel boom winch drive.

While the resister bank work was in progress, other members of the electrical section completed maintenance work elsewhere on the dredger, the associated conveyor system and on the tripper stacker. The outage took only 10 days.



Pictured above is the No. 10 dredger site, including the accommodation and amenities buildings set up for the outage.



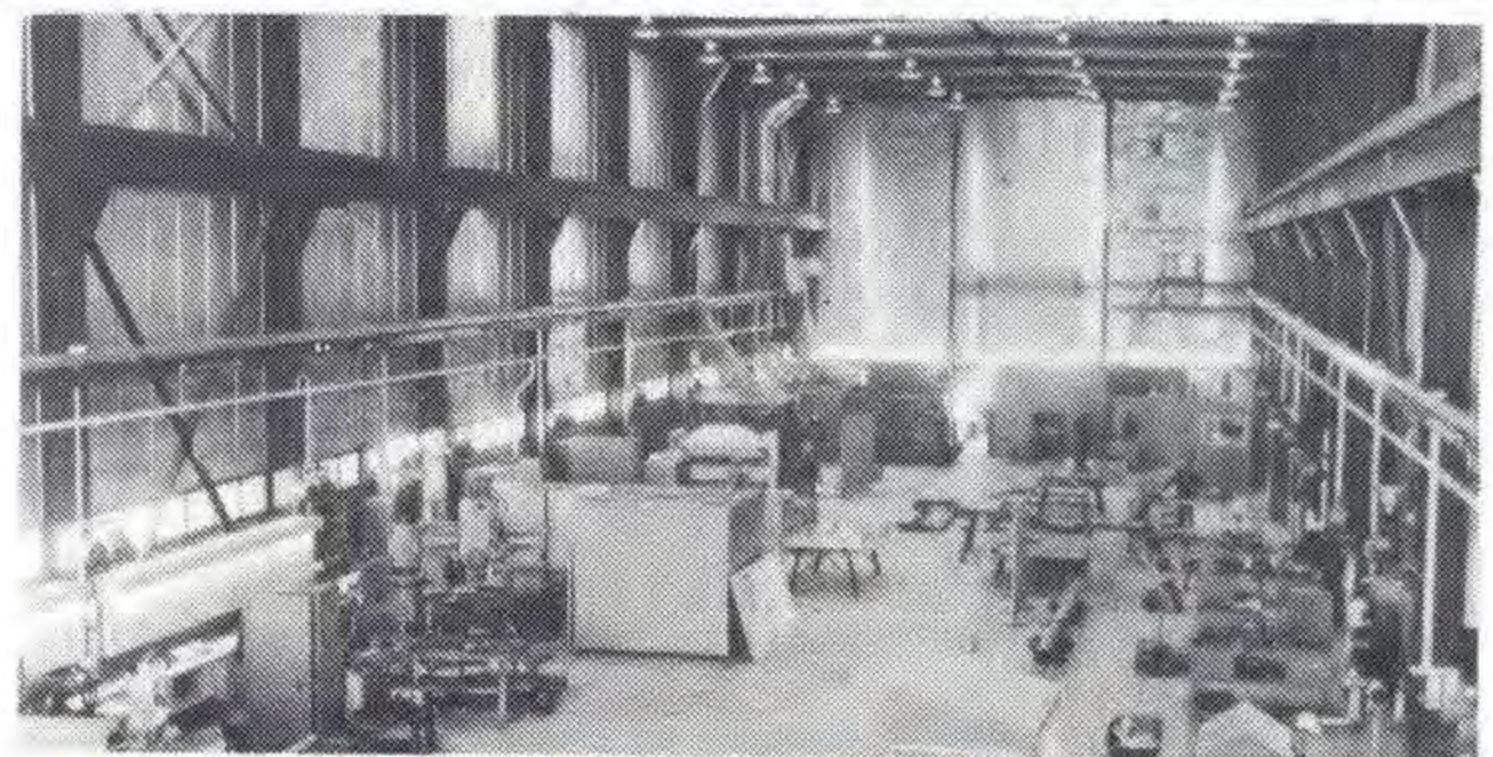
The overburden tripper stacker (pictured left) was at a somewhat unusual stand-still when CONTACT arrived on the scene during the operation.

New depot completed

THE modern new \$1.3 million Coal Production Mechanical Depot project at Yallourn has been almost completed — only minor works such as roads, drainage and associated works remain.

Work began on the huge depot in November, 1975 and personnel (mechanical and electrical wages and staff) moved in late last year.

The depot includes a



This birds-eye view illustrates the roomy nature of the new Coal Production maintenance depot at Yallourn.

1300 square metre mechanical depot, 1000 square metre amenities block, a 800 square metre electrical depot

and a number of air conditioned staff offices.

The depot replaces the old maintenance depot at Yallourn.

RETIREMENTS



VERN ILMAN

Adelaide will be the future home of Vern Ilman and his wife 'Ella'. Vern who retired after 20 years service on November 17, began with the Commission in June, 1956 as an electrical trades assistant at construction in Yallourn, a position he worked at until March, 1958, when he became a cable joiner. Later in 1958 he became a telecom mechanic at Yallourn. He was transferred to general services in 1959, and then to tests and communications, Morwell, in December, 1961.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn tests and communications laboratory canteen, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented Vern with an envelope of notes and his wife, Ella, with a sheaf of flowers on behalf of Vern's workmates. Vern's sister-in-law Mary, who attended the farewell, was also presented with an orchid spray.

Vern's hobbies of gardening, reading and woodwork will be taking up much of his time in retirement—and there will be plenty to do around their new home.



WALLY IRVINE

A touring holiday of New Guinea was one of the first plans for Wally Irvine for the Commission. Wally and his wife Irene plan an exciting holiday following his retirement on December 7, after 14 years with the Commission, a sentimental journey for Wally, since it will be the first time he has returned since the war.

In retirement Wally says he will concentrate on his hobbies of fishing, gardening and his three grandchildren. He will continue to live in Moe.

Wally began with the Commission in May, 1962 as a cleaner at Yallourn Power Station, a position he held until November, 1970 when he became a steam plant attendant, also at Yallourn Power Station.

At a farewell function in the Yallourn Power Station administration canteen, YPS station operations engineer Frank Tomlinson presented Wally with two fishing reels, a motorists' cleaning outfit and playing cards.



GEORGE VELLA

George Vella, who retired from the Commission on November 26 after 25 years service won't slacken pace in retirement. He intends to travel overseas to England and Europe, and when he returns, will continue to take an active interest in the scouting movement and other youth organisations.

His hobbies of gardening and bowls will keep him active as well. George, who lived in Newborough for many years, is now living in Gladstone Park in Melbourne, where he is closer to his family.

George began with the Commission in December, 1950 as a storeman at Yallourn. Over the next eight years he worked as an electrical fitter's assistant and battery attendant before being appointed to staff in October, 1958 as a telephone operator. He graduated to a shift telephone operator later in 1958. He retired as a telephone supervisor.

George was known widely for his courteous manner and his ability to help people. During his farewell function at Yallourn, Assistant Chief Engineer Transmission Operations Ray Greenwood presented George with an envelope of notes.

JACK CLINNICK

After 18 years with the Commission, all with the briquette factories at Yallourn and Morwell, Jack Clinnick called it a day on June 28. Jack began with the Commission in June, 1959 as a trimmer at briquette, Yallourn, transferring two months later to

Morwell as an electrical press driver.

At an informal farewell function, Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation superintendent Cyril Morelato presented Jack with an envelope and notes on behalf of his workmates. Other speakers at the function were George Kroezen and Acting Briquette Production Superintendent Bob Jobling.

RETIREMENTS

Sam Charalambides has retired from the SEC, but he intends to enjoy his retirement with his wife Helen among their friends at Yallourn North. Sam retired after 24 years service on December 17. He began with the Commission in February, 1952 as a laborer at coal production, Yallourn. In August, 1953 he transferred to a fitter, also with Coal Production and then to a thermit welder. Twelve months later he was promoted to leading hand before becoming a cleaner at YPS in April, 1957. Sam's hobbies of fishing and caring for pigeons will take up much of his time in retirement.



SAM CHARALAMBIDES

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn power station canteen, acting mechanical maintenance engineer Jeff Braun presented Sam with an envelope of notes; a casserole dish and an electric griller.

A holiday to Western Australia and then on to New Zealand are the short term plans of Joe Cox and his wife Amy following Joe's retirement from the Commission after 37 years service. Joe, who has seen considerable expansion take place in the Yallourn open cut, will be looking further afield now, with travelling, fishing and gardening occupying more of his time. He and Amy will continue to live in Morwell. Joe began with the Commission in May, 1939 as an electrical fitter in the electrical workshops, Yallourn, before transferring to Yallourn open cut as an electrical fitter on day work. In September, 1940, he undertook shift work as a shift electrician in Yallourn open cut.

He received promotion to leading hand electrical



JOE COX

fitter in January, 1947 and another promotion to staff as electrical shift foreman YOC in April, 1954. He was appointed supervisor in November, 1972.

Coal Production Superintendent, Yallourn, Col Ferguson presented Joe with a set of kelly pool balls at an informal farewell function in the Coal Production maintenance depot.



HARRY COX

Popular coal production personality 'Bert' Burrows called it a day, with the Commission, after 36½ years on November 14. His experience in Yallourn overburden operations was so extensive that he was known by many of his workmates as 'Mr. Overburden'.

Bert began with the Commission as a laborer in May, 1940 in the Yallourn open cut, and after serving 4½ years with the RAAF in war service, he returned to the Commission in July, 1945, working as laborer, bedman, barrer down, locomotive driver and greaser before being promoted to staff as a foreman. For some years he was shift foreman on coal operations before becoming day foreman associated with the maintenance of rail tracks and conveyor shifting on overburden operations.

He contributed largely to the development and expertise which has formed the sound basis for these well-established procedures.

Bert plans to have a quiet retirement, with his wife Kath, and enjoy an overseas holiday to England in the near future . . . and in his spare time enjoy his hobbies of fishing and gardening.

Yallourn open cut superintendent Col Ferguson presented Bert with a gold watch, an envelope of notes, and a small gift, for his wife at an informal farewell function at the Coal Production maintenance depot on November 12. Bert will continue to live in Moe.



'BERT' BURROWS

Not many Commission employees can boast of 50 years service . . . but recently-retired Harry Cox is one who can.

In recognition of his long service, Harry was presented with a gold watch on behalf of the Commission by Materials and Services Officer Frank Hiscock.

Harry began with the Commission on August 17, 1926, at the Yallourn provision store, where he worked for 31 years until becoming a camp orderly at the Yallourn Eastern Road Hostel. Twelve months later he became an office cleaner at the Main Office, Yallourn, and was promoted to a leading hand office cleaner in March, 1959. He was transferred to office cleaner administration, Yallourn, in March, 1968.

Harry will continue to live in Moe in retirement. At an informal farewell function in the former Yallourn visitors centre, Frank Hiscock presented Harry with an electric heater on behalf of workmates.

RETIREMENTS



GEORGE SEEAR

George Seear has become a familiar face around the Latrobe Valley — and he will continue to live in Newborough following his retirement late last year, after 38 years service.

At an informal farewell function in the former Yallourn visitors centre, Personnel Officer Brian Collier presented George with an electric saw and drill, a pen set and a sheaf of flowers for George's wife Gloria.

George began with the Commission in February, 1928 as a metal trades junior at the Yallourn power station; he was selected as a painter's apprentice in 1939 and completed his apprenticeship in September, 1947. He was appointed to staff in March, 1950 as an assistant camp foreman with general services, Yallourn. Following the closure of the Eastern Road hostel in November, 1971, he was transferred to personnel division, Morwell where he undertook relief duties during the extended absence of the amenities officer. He was subsequently reclassified commercial-administrative officer in August, 1973 and appointed amenities officer in November, 1973, the position from which he retired. George took an active interest in community affairs, being on the committee of the Yallourn Medical and Hospital Society and the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital at Moe for some years. He has served as president of the LV Community Hospital Committee. Since retirement he's made good use of the fishing rod and golf clubs.



BRUCE WALLACE

After 17 years of planned operation with the Commission, Bruce Wallace intends to take his retirement from day to day. Bruce, who retired from the Commission on December 19, plans to spend an early

holiday in Darwin with wife Evie to see their daughter Susan.

Bruce says he will be kept busy in retirement with his hobbies of gardening, fishing, and five grandchildren. His service began in November, 1960 as a fitter at the Yallourn Power station, before he gained promotion to leading hand fitter at YPS in June, 1963.

At an informal farewell function in the YPS lecture room, acting mechanical maintenance engineer Jeff Braun presented Bruce with an envelope of notes on behalf of workmates. Bruce will continue to live in Moe.



FRED GRANGER

Fred Granger has three excellent hobbies—photography, stamp collecting, and touring — for a person with a lot of time on his hands.

Fred who retired from the Commission on December 22 after 25½ years service, is an amateur historian; which will also keep him out of mischief. Early this year he and his wife hope to travel around Australia and then to New Zealand for an extended holiday.

Fred began with the Commission in January, 1951 as a carpenter at construction, a position he held until February, 1958, when he transferred to Municipal, Yallourn.

Two years later, in July, 1960, he became a cleaner at Yallourn Power Station and then a trimmer at YPS. In 1964 he became an electrical plant operator; then a fireman at YPS, and in December, 1964, moved back to electrical plant operator and trimmer at YPS. In May, 1973 he became a fireman, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn North Hotel, Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson, presented Fred with a pair of binoculars.



TOM RYDER

Tom Ryder will be spending much of his retirement time at his Metung holiday home, a prospect which he and his wife Evelyn are looking forward to rather keenly.

Toms' hobbies of fishing and gardening—and his five grandchildren — will absorb much of the spare time available since he retired after 10 years with the

Commission on December 3.

He began with the Commission in July, 1966 as a mechanical fitter at Morwell Workshops, a position he held until he became a leading hand mechanical fitter in the workshops in November, 1967.

At an informal farewell function in the workshops training centre, workshops superintendent George Fullard presented Tom with a radio, and a brooch for his wife on behalf of workmates.

Workshops Social Club president Alan Vernon presented Tom with a fluorescent lamp.

Tom spent an extended Christmas holiday in Queensland before return-home to begin his retirement routine.

RETIREMENTS



SID KANE

Sid Kane's time will be taken care of in retirement by the demands of his 10 acre farm at Jumbuk — and his other interests of bowls and fishing. Sid, who began with the Commission in February, 1954 as a fitter at Yallourn power station, earned promotion to leading hand fitter in May, 1956, before gaining appointment to staff as a temporary foreman in October, 1957. He received another promotion to boilerhouse engineer in December, 1959 at the Yallourn power station.

April, 1963 saw another change for Sid, to a new post of assistant unit controller at Hazelwood power station, and then to a unit controller in September, 1965, the position from which he retired after 23 years service.

At an informal farewell function in the Hazelwood South hall attended by more than 100 workmates and friends, Sid was presented with a digital clock, wallet and notes, a mohair rug, a carving knife, a hair dryer and a sheaf of flowers for his wife Gloria. Presentations were made by Sid Hollands, a fellow unit controller at HPS.



BILL GILLIES

Balline, New South Wales, will be the future home of Bill Gillies, who retired from the Commission on November 30, after 30 years service. Bill and his wife Linda have bought a house where they intend to enjoy retired life together in a warmer climate.

Bowls and fishing will be receiving their fair share of attention . . . and according to Bill — a person who gets a lot of enjoyment out of life — he intends to have an active retirement.

He began with the Commission in March, 1960 as a cleaner at the Morwell Briquette Factory; then become press driver assistant, back to cleaner, then to greaser in July, 1960. December, 1961 saw another change for Bill, this time to tractor driver before moving on to truck driver in September, 1963.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell workshops canteen, Materials and Services officer Frank Hiscock presented Bill with a bowls outfit on behalf of workmates.

Distinction awards to top four SEC apprentices

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sentation day function at the Education and Training Centre.

The function, which was attended by 119 apprentices, gave parents the opportunity to see the areas in which their sons have been working and the type of work being undertaken.

Among official guests were SEC departmental and sectional heads, as well as representatives from the Industrial Training Commission and former trade instructors from the apprentice training workshops.

In the Commission's annual apprentice training report it was pointed out that

in keeping with its plans to continually update apprentice training facilities some significant improvements were made.

These include:—

- construction of a welding/cutting annexe,
- installation of a new high speed vertical mill with profiling facility,
- acquisition of a capstan lathe, and
- manufacture by the combined talent of 1st Year apprentice boilermakers and fitter and turners of a 30 tonne press.

The report referred to the fact that 73 apprentices — 10 more than in the previous year underwent mechanical

trades training this year.

Twenty-four electrical mechanics and four electrical fitter and armature winders undertook their first year of training during 1976.

New modern design benches and motor test benches were built and installed, and a guillotine capable of cutting light gauge metals and sheet insulation was acquired for use in the electrical trades section.

There was a steady increase in the number of apprentices being trained in civil trades — five painters and decorators, five carpenters and joiners and two bricklayers.

- Award of merit certifi-

cates were presented to — fitting and turning: Steve Derrico, Newborough East; Peter Maselli, Morwell; Terry Quirk, Warragul; Frank Heusmann, Moe; Paul Grassens, Traralgon; Murray Anton, Mirboo North; Steve Procak, Newborough. Boiler-making and structural: Joe Lang, Glengarry. Steel fabrication: Phillip Baille, Moe.

Electrical mechanics: Mark Wilson, Yallourn; Glen Furlong, Glengarry. Electrical fitting and armature windings: Eric Kriis, Moe. Instrument making and repairing: Martin Brown, Willow Grove; Paul Lang, Glengarry. Carpentry and joinery: Geoff Campbell, Morwell.

VALLEY VISITORS

PARTY OF 600 SCOUTS AMONG VISITORS TO SEC

Six hundred scouts from the 11th Australian Jamboree at Dandenong made up the biggest party of visitors to the SEC's works area over the Christmas - New Year period.

The scouts, from as far afield as New Zealand, Malaysia, Philippines and New Guinea were taken on guided tours of the SEC's new Latrobe Valley visitors' centre, Morwell open cut, Hazelwood power station and Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation.

Other visitors included 35 members of the Shepparton Viscount Caravan Club on January 9; 35 Traralgon Jaycees who were taken on a tour of the Loy Yang project and 16 apprentices from the Lysaght (Aust.) plant at Westernport.

They visited the Yallourn apprentice workshops and the central workshops late in December.

Among overseas guests were Mr. Adam Charnaud and Mr. Phillip Hills from

Grindlays Brandt Bank, London. They were accompanied by Mr. Reg Coleman from the SEC's Finance Department, Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Wim Eshuys, of Holland, took in a day visit of the Morwell and Yallourn works areas in early January. A policeman in Holland, Wim and his wife Mater are on a three month touring holiday.



Pictured while looking at the Hazelwood power Station's control room are (from left) Joe Eshuys, of Morwell; Wim Eshuys (Holland), his wife Mater, and Joe's wife Lisa.



Above: These 42 scouts were among more than 600 who toured the SEC's Latrobe Valley Works areas during the 11th Australian Jamboree at Dandenong early in January this year.



Studying a brochure on the SEC, against a background of Morwell open cut, are (from left) Adam Charnaud from the Grindlays Brandt Bank London, Reg Coleman Finance Department, and Phillip Hills, Grindlays Brandt Bank.



Above: Nine of the Lysaght (Aust.) apprentices are being shown some of the work of their SEC counterparts by Ken Horton (far right), apprentice training supervisor.