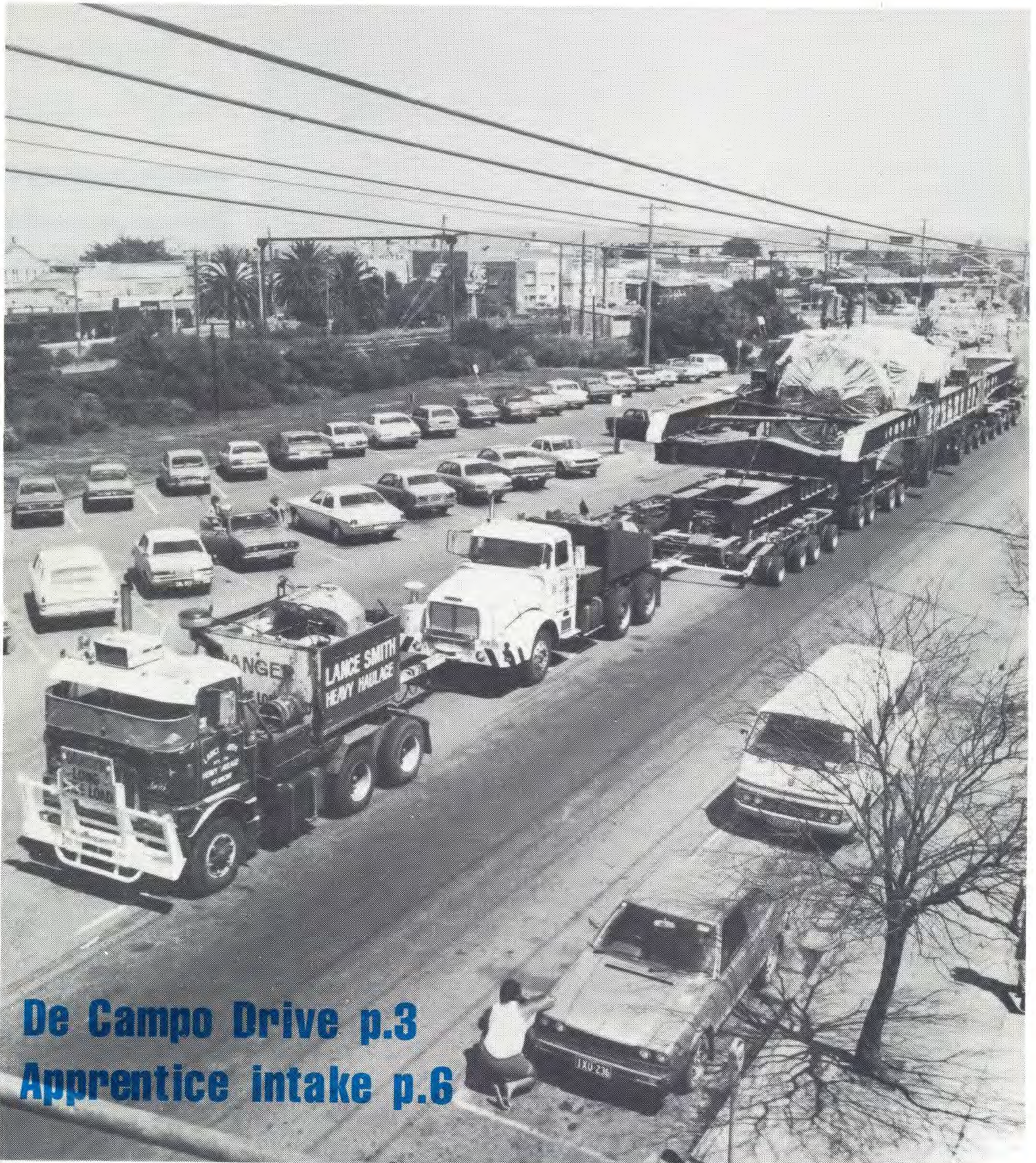


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'Back to work' for Centenary



A photograph of the old Morwell Post Office, which has been used in promotion material for the Morwell Centenary celebrations.

A "back to work" tour for retired Commission employees will be one of the highlights of Morwell Centenary celebrations early in April.

The week-long celebrations, beginning on March 31, include a wide range of displays and activities arranged by a Community Committee on which the SEC is represented.

The "back to work" tour on Wednesday, April 4, will begin at the

Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre, Morwell, and will cover Yallourn, Morwell and Hazelwood undertakings.

Lunch will be provided and buses will be available for people requiring transport.

People wishing to attend should contact Bob Bridle, Public Relations Group, Area Administration Department, P.O. Box 195, Morwell, telephone 34 2244 ext. 3244.

Shire President, Cr Bill McRoberts will officially welcome people returning to Morwell for the celebrations at a family fun carnival at Norman Brookes Park on Saturday, March 31.

The official centenary celebration ceremony will be held at Morwell Railway Station on April 2 in conjunction with re-enactment of the arrival of Morwell's first school teacher by steam train.

Sir MacFarlane Burnet will officially open the new Morwell High School assembly hall on April 4, during another day of "back to" activities.

Other centenary attractions include a railway exhibition, bowls and croquet tournaments, vintage car display, steam train excursions and an old time ball.

Tours of Commission works areas will be available daily.

Hazelwood appeal

An appeal for the families of the three men who died at Hazelwood power station early in December last year has raised more than \$7,500.

Donations have been received from outside organisations as well as from within the Commission.

The appeal, set up immediately after the accident to assist the families of Jim Charleston, Phil Chilver and Ron Smith, has attracted a steady flow of donations.

Money raised has been distributed progressively to the families, who have expressed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the many people who responded to the appeal.

The appeal is being administered to HPS Electrical Section CAD Shane Simpson, extension 5459.

FREEMASON'S GET-TOGETHER

An SEC Freemason's dinner at Yallourn last year was so successful that a second is planned for April 21 this year.

The inaugural dinner attracted an attendance of more than 150, and similar interest is expected on this occasion.

The function, open to all Freemasons within the SEC — and including retired Commission personnel — will be in Kernot Hall, Yallourn.

Further details are available from Lodge Secretaries.

Contact



Prepared by the L.V. Public Relations Group for Operations Group employees.

Cover

After one false start and some unscheduled wayside stops, the first of the Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station second stage turbines — a 212-tonne giant — was transported from Melbourne earlier this month, and is now awaiting completion of foundation works before settling in its final "home". Our picture was taken as the huge transporter an all-up weight of 336 tonnes, entered the final leg of its journey.

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NEW ROAD IS A YALLOURN-BILL DE CAMPO "LINK"

The late Bill De Campo was highly regarded throughout the Latrobe Valley, not least in Yallourn, where he took a special interest in the welfare of Yallourn residents and in the activities of Yallourn organisations.

The Yallourn Football Club — of which he was a committed patron and a particularly keen supporter (as players and officials learned when he accompanied the Blues on one end-of-season trip), was a classic example.

His deep involvement in the decision to retain major Yallourn community facilities by replacing them elsewhere in the Latrobe Valley ensured a tangible — and highly practical — memorial to the town.

Now, Bill De Campo's name will continue to be associated with Yallourn through the naming of a new access road now under construction.

The access road, which is expected to be ready for use by the end of April, will be known as De Campo Drive.

When completed, the new road will link Haunted Hills Road, from a point above the Hernes Oak oval and about 500 metres north of the existing intersection, with Coach Road east of Tarwin Grove.

De Campo Drive will then continue along Coach Road to Strezlecki Road intersection, where a new section will be constructed through to Church Street.

An excellent run with weather conditions after a poor run early has enabled contractors to catch up to some extent with construction of De Campo Drive, which will be the main thoroughfare into Yallourn construction areas from about the end of April this year.



Yallourn: OB face advances

Work has begun on new open cut security fencing on the outskirts of Yallourn.

The new fence is required to enable further

areas to be prepared for overburden operations.

It will form a barrier on the old Hernes Oak Road at the Haunted Hills Road intersection, continue past the new Hernes Oak oval and the new sub-station, along the south side of Valley Road and then head south of the nursery, old bowling club and swimming pool to Ovals Drive to link with the existing security fence on the western boundary of the open cut.

The old Hernes Oak Road will be used as the open cut perimeter road, which will be cut by the advancing overburden face during the next few months.

There are now fewer than 250 occupied houses in Yallourn — less than 25 per cent of the number occupied 10 years ago.

The population has decreased to about 600.

However, many Yallourn facilities will remain available for public use for some time yet.

The swimming pool will be open again next summer; Kernot Hall will be available until at least December 1980; and Yallourn No. 1 oval will be used this season and probably again in 1980.

Lightning premiership

The postponed SEC Social League cricket lightning premiership will be played at the Yallourn ovals on Sunday, March 4.

The premiership was scheduled to be played last November but was washed out.

For further details contact John Mussared, Extension 5257.

For the record...

People associated with Yallourn and the organisations which served the Yallourn community during the past five decades are being asked to help in the creation of an historical record of the town.

Efforts are now being made to collect material to form the basis of a record.

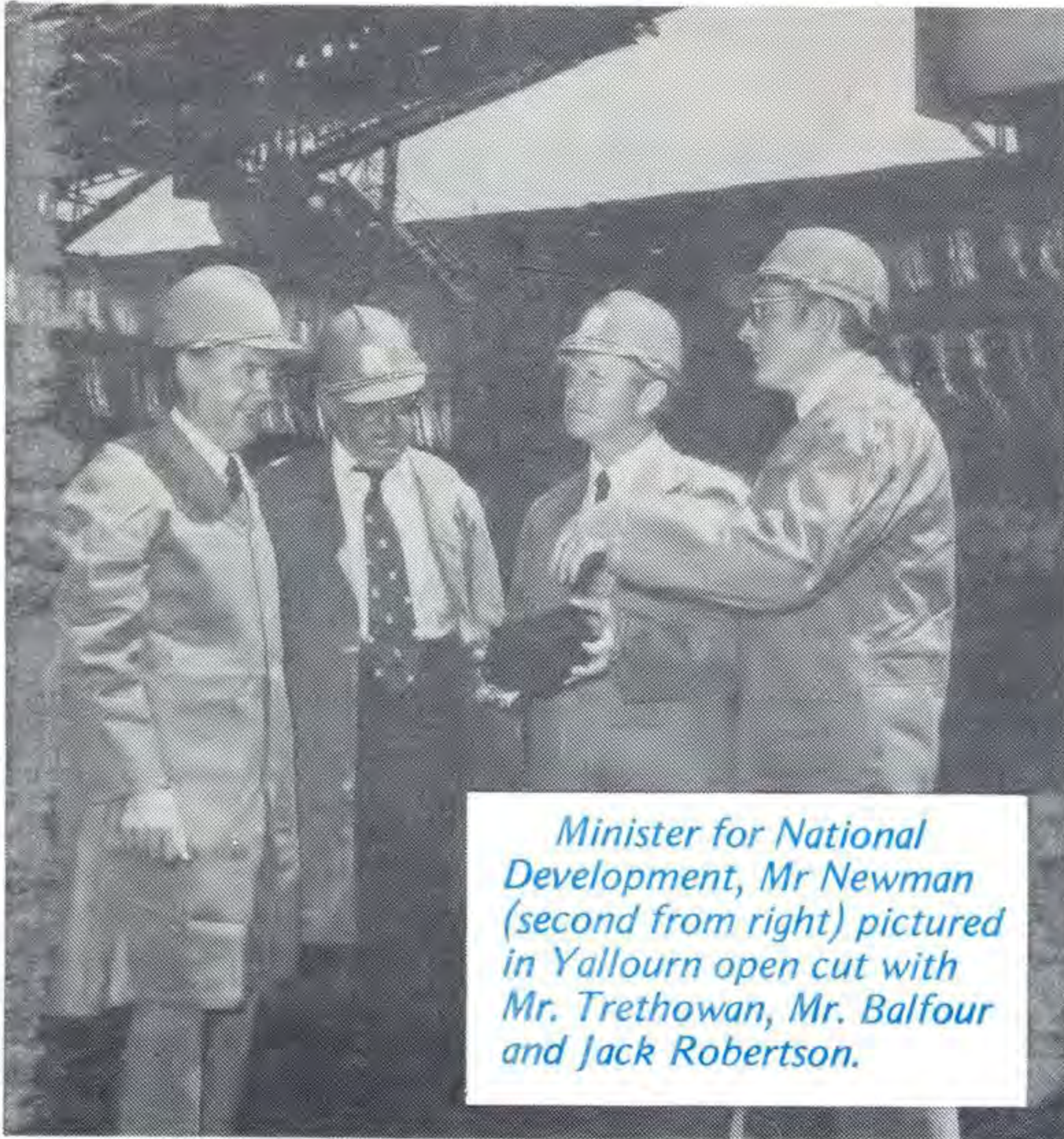
Officers, past and present, of Yallourn community, cultural and sporting organisations are invited to lodge with the Commission material suitable for inclusion.

Material which could be relevant includes:—

- * minutes of meetings,
- * correspondence,
- * photographs, and
- * membership lists.
- * publications of any kind,

People interested in discussing the proposal should contact Executive Support Officer Charles Spencer (SEC extension 3550) or Yallourn Resettlement Officer Jack Penney (62 2393).

LOY YANG IMPRESSES MINISTER



Minister for National Development, Mr Newman (second from right) pictured in Yallourn open cut with Mr. Trethowan, Mr. Balfour and Jack Robertson.

"Rates with Snowy Mountains."

The Loy Yang project caught the imagination of Federal Minister Mr. Kevin Newman when he spent a day in the area last month.

Mr. Newman, who as Minister for National Development is well aware of the significance of major undertakings currently underway throughout Australia, described Loy Yang as a "truly magnificent, exciting scheme."

He said Loy Yang "must rate with the Snowy Mountains scheme as one of the greatest engineering projects ever undertaken in this country."

Mr Newman had excellent "guides" for his tour of the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, Yallourn "W" power station and Loy Yang.

He was accompanied throughout by the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr. Balfour, Commission chairman Charles Trethowan, acting Assistant General Manager (Operations) Jack Vines and Manager Power Generation Jack Robertson.

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity for study abroad is available from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to outstanding young men and women.

The Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowships, Undergraduate Scholarships, Technical Training, Teacher and Journalism Awards offer qualified students, technicians, professional journalists and teachers of the handicapped an opportunity to contribute to better understanding between the peoples of their home and host countries while pursuing their own career interests.

An Award covers round trip transportation, educational, living and miscellaneous related expenses for one academic year, plus, in certain cases, a period of intensive language training in the study country before commencement of the regular academic year.

Applications close on March 1, with winners announced in September this year for study programs to take place during 1980/81.

Application forms may be obtained from:—

Rotary Education Awards, Rotary Club of Morwell, P.O. Box 444, MORWELL, 3840.

Express bus is a winner

A new express bus service from Churchill to the Yallourn works area seems to be a winner.

In its first week of operation early this month an average of 25 people travelled on the bus to and from work.

There are now three successful express services operating from Churchill to works areas. Services to Morwell and Hazelwood introduced last year have attracted excellent patronage.

The straight-through services, designed to take no longer than normal private car travelling times to and from work, are part of an overall campaign aimed at making public transport more attractive.

A \$2.70 standard fare for a 10-ride strip ticket has been introduced on all SEC industrial routes serviced by Latrobe Valley Bus Lines.

Nearly all passengers on these routes are using the strip tickets.

MARCHING GIRLS ON THE MOVE

Moe RSL marching girls are ready to take on Australia in a battle which will hold more than passing interest for a large number of SEC people.

Most of the 22 girls (aged seven to twelve years) who make up the two RSL teams are the daughters of SEC employees.

Moe RSL McMillans and Gippsland midget class marching girls are heading to Perth at Easter for the Australian Championships.

In only their second season of competition, the girls have taken the marching girl scene by storm.

To reach the national championships they had to win their way through three elimination contests.

Their only problem now is actually getting to Perth - they need \$6,000 for the trip.

Moe City Council, which set up a public appeal to help raise the funds, has itself contributed \$600.

A Moe RSL Marching Girls Perth Appeal, C/O Moe City Council in Albert Street, Moe, has been established.

FULL STEAM AHEAD AT LOY YANG

A near perfect construction season has seen activity on the Loy Yang project move into top gear.

About 875 people are now working on the many contracts under way on the site.

The raw coal bunker — the first major construction project which began in 1977 — is still the dominant feature of the Loy Yang landscape, with its concrete superstructure about 25 per cent complete.

Nearby, preparation of the power station bench and roads is progressing rapidly.

Work on the foundations and lift-shaft for the 2,000 MW "A" Power Station is well under way and excavation for foundations of the first 260-metre high chimney is complete. The first concrete pour for the 40-metre diameter base is expected soon.

Excavation work in the gullet cut and outlet of the open cut area is progressing, as is final preparation work on the dredger erection site.

Work has begun on the high-level water storage, the ash pond and fire services reservoir.

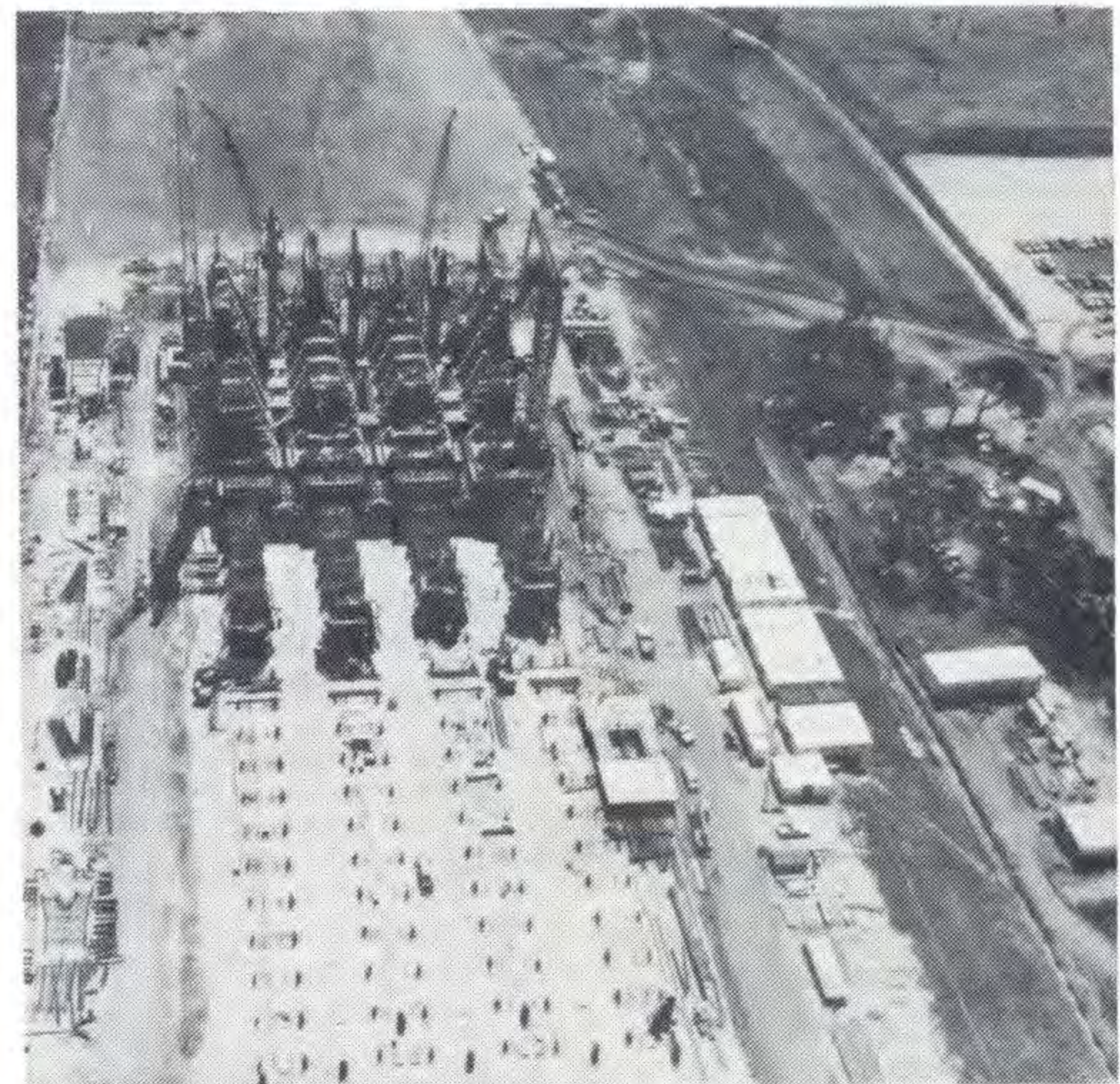
A storage area is being prepared north of the raw coal bunker where construction material will be stored until required in the various works areas.

Governor-General to visit

The Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowen will inspect the Loy Yang project during a visit to Traralgon early in March.

Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen will arrive in Traralgon at 3 p.m. on March 1 to attend a special City Council meeting and civic dinner.

Following an inspection of the Loy Yang project the following afternoon, Sir Zelman will meet Commission personnel at the Traralgon South Hall.



Move on first overseas loan

Overseas loans totalling \$343 million will be sought during the next few years to finance the Loy Yang project.

A group of Australian and international bankers were this month invited to tender for the first of the loans — for \$35 million.

Chairman Mr. Charles Trethowan said that in this first instance the Commission was seeking a direct bank loan from an international source for a period of 10 years.

He said the loan would be drawn before the end of this financial year.

The borrowing will be the first by a Victorian Government authority since

the decision last year by the Australian Loan Council to approve overseas borrowings by the States for approved projects.

"While SEC loans have traditionally been very well supported locally, we have established that the amount of money needed for Loy Yang at this time just would not be readily available on the domestic market," Mr. Trethowan said.

He said the SEC was looking for money on international markets also to avoid the possibility of crowding other borrowers out of the local sources.

New apprentices on the job

INTAKE A RECORD FOR SEC, VALLEY



1979 is a record year for the Commission in the apprentice employment field, with the Latrobe Valley playing an important role in the overall employment boost, a point which was not lost on the parents of more than 150 youngsters who signed on as apprentices last month.

Almost three-quarters of the Valley's 1979 intake began their training during the second half of January, with another batch due to take up employment in a mid-year

intake which will lift the total for the year to a record 201.

This will bring the total number of apprentices engaged in the Latrobe Valley to above 550, more than half of the Commission's complement of more than 1,000.

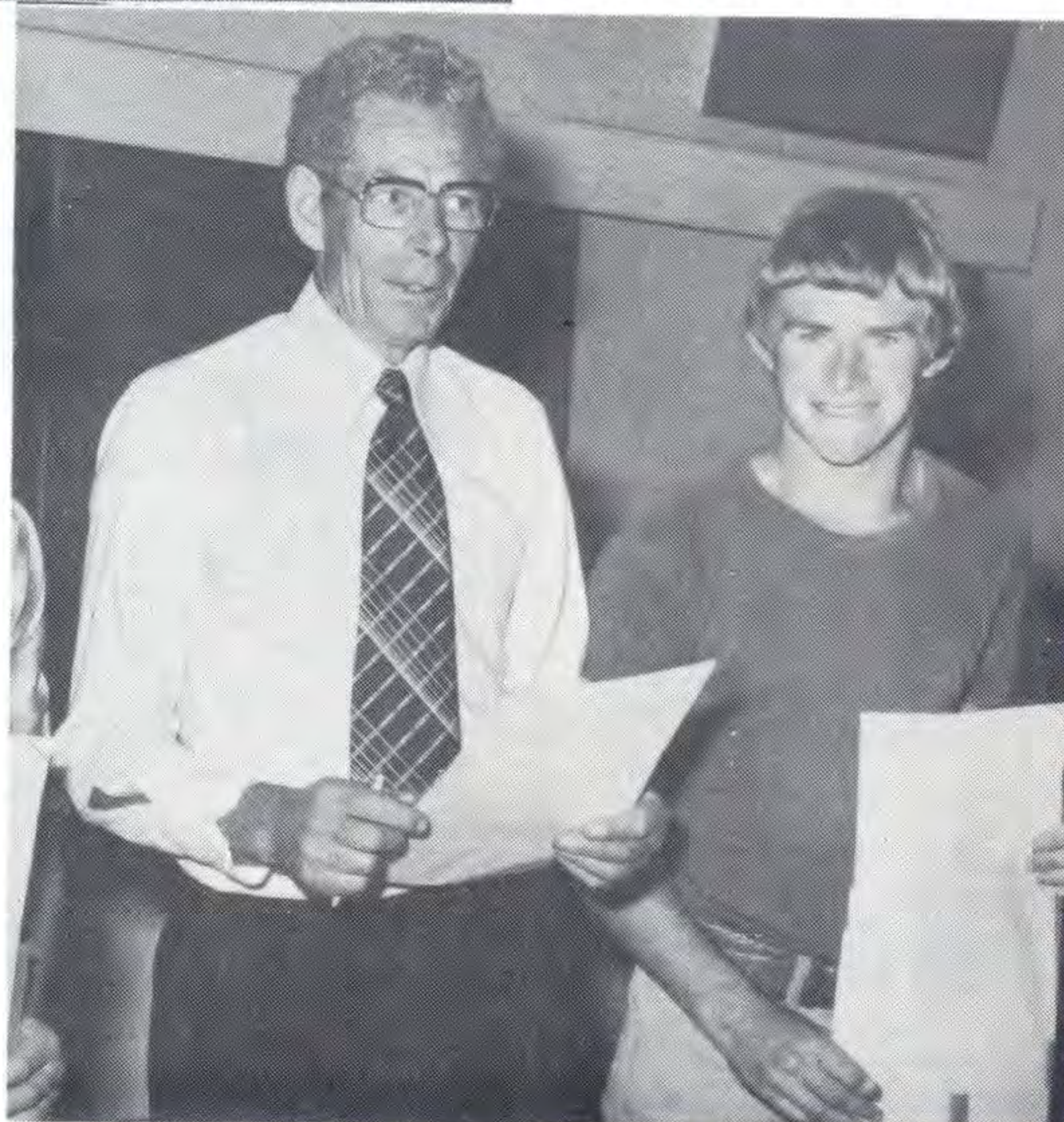
The Commission is the State's largest single employer of apprentices.

In the Latrobe Valley, the heaviest trade intakes are in turning and fitting (80) boilermaking (35) and electrical mechanics (40).

Other trades represented include painting and decorating, plumbing, carpentry, motor mechanics, panel beating, gardening, instrument making and repairing, blacksmithing, electrical fitting and armature winding, pattern making, refrigeration mechanics and linesman.

Top left: Heather Causon and John Davis, newcomers to the Commission's parks and gardens team, will have ample opportunity to develop their gardening skills.

Left: Apprentice Training Supervisor Ken Horton gets acquainted with new apprentice John Rheinburger of Sale.



FUNDAY SUNDAY

SEC employees and their families are directly involved in a wide range of special interest and hobby activities..

... and the Moe City Council is keen to tap this rich resource for a big occasion event next month.

The Council is organising a "Funday Sunday" festivity at the Central Park Reserve in Moe on Sunday, March 25.

Aim of the day is to provide free recreation for all families, children and individuals.

Activities, to be provided by local individuals, groups and organisations, will include "Life be-in-it games", adventure playgrounds, music bands, folk, old-time and modern dances, craft making exhibitions such as pottery, weaving and leather craft, animal and carriage rides, puppet theatre, kite making and aero displays.

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Festival art show

"Man and Machine", the theme of the art exhibition being sponsored by the Commission late next month, is apparently well-chosen — if the keen early interest shown by artists is any guide.

The exhibition, which will be in the Visitors' Centre at Morwell from March 23-31, is being arranged in association with

the Latrobe Valley Festival Committee.

A number of artists within the Commission's workforce will be submitting work for exhibition.

Entry forms, returnable by February 23, are now available from the Latrobe Valley Arts Centre or from the Public Relations Group, 'phone extension 3244.

Gambling- don't bet your life on it

Gambling — the thrill of the favorite getting up by a nose; the unbeatable hand; the flashing lights and jingling coins of the poker machine jackpot.

Winning is what it's all about — making the big collect on your investment.

You don't worry too much about the occasional loss, you're still in front. And besides, you'll win it back next time.

That's how it works for most people — win a little, lose a little and just about break even.

But others aren't so lucky. Gambling takes control of their lives, wrecks their homes.

It becomes a sickness, just as frightening and self-destructive as alcoholism.

These people need help and a world-wide organisation known as Gamblers Anonymous is set up for just that purpose.

Here Industrial Chaplain Bruce Burn talks with a Latrobe Valley G.A. member.



Q: What is GA?

A: GA stands for Gamblers Anonymous — it's a fellowship of men and women who join together to combat their gambling problems and to extend it out to other people who have the same kind of problem.

Q: Is there an age limit?

A: No. If you're a compulsive gambler, it doesn't matter if you're 16 or 90. The youngest GA member I've met is 16 and the oldest 75.

Q: I understand there is another organisation called Gamanon, what is its function?

A: Gamanon is for the parents, wives or families of a compulsive gambler to help them understand the problem. Because most of them don't know what is going on, they think the gambler is just being an idiot who can't control himself. Gamanon helps to explain to families that the gambler is actually a sick person.

Q: You're saying that gambling is a sickness?

A: A compulsive gambler is definitely a sick person. Gambling is a sickness, just like alcoholism.

Q: How did you become involved with GA?

A: After about 14 years of gambling, mainly on the horses and dogs, I reached a stage where I could no longer control it. I had caused a lot of trouble for my family and had spent a lot of money.

Q: How much would you have spent?

A: I worked it out that over the years I would have gambled away about \$30,000 altogether. I owed so much money to people I couldn't repay them, and my house and family were right on the line, I'd reached a stage where my wife told me she would leave me if I didn't do something about it. I

couldn't face that so I contacted Lifeline and they explained about GA and that there was a person in the Latrobe Valley who would talk to me.

Q: So it needed some sort of crisis to make you face the fact that you had a gambling problem?

A: That's right.

Q: How does the GA program operate?

A: It's a very simple program. First, you must accept that you are a compulsive gambler, that you cannot control your gambling at all. Then you start on the 12-step GA recovery program. You don't have to follow all steps. I only follow eight, but you start by following one or two and then work yourself up to 12 or whatever you require. These steps cover the whole range of gambling. The first thing I did was make an inventory of all the money I owed to people. Then I approached all these people and explained to them what I was — that was the hardest thing, to sit down with another person and tell them exactly what I was. No-one wants

to admit he is a compulsive gambler or alcoholic.

Q: How many GA members would there be in Victoria?

A: About 400 or 500, but you don't get that number attending meetings. I've noticed over the past two years that membership has grown very quickly. With so many different gambling outlets people are finding it very difficult to control their problem.

Q: How long have you been in GA?

A: I've been in GA now for 18 months and I haven't had a bet in all that time. I didn't get properly involved for about three months because I still thought I could do it on my own. But I soon found out I couldn't so for 15 months now I've actually been solidly involved.

Q: How do people contact GA?

A: If they phone Lifeline in Morwell or Melbourne they will arrange for you to contact someone. At the SEC people can contact the Industrial Chaplains who will help them make the necessary contact.



Safety the key word

Safety has been the key-word with the Morwell—Hazelwood group of transmissions Operations stations section for the past two years.

The 33-member group was due to complete two years operation without a lost time injury on February 14.

At January 31, the group had completed 123 000 manhours without lost time injury.

Late last year the group received the National Safety Council award for the completion of 100 000 lost time injury-free hours.

Transmission route - decision made

The route of the new 500 kilovolt easement to link Hazelwood and Cranbourne terminal power stations has been announced.

The route, recommended by the all-party Parliamentary Public Works Committee, was adopted by State Cabinet earlier this month.

About 110 kilometres long, the route is a combination by the PPWC of three alternatives proposed by the SEC in September 1977, with further variations incorporated at the committee's request.

The easement, 139 metres wide, will accommodate three 500 kilovolt lines on towers generally 27 to 40 metres high.

The new transmission lines are needed to bring the whole of the power from the new stations under construction at Loy Yang into the State grid. The lines are to come into service progressively, commencing in 1982, at a total cost of \$37 million.

In a statement released last week, the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr. Balfour, described the report as "the most outstanding

example so far of consultation in the development of the State's power grid — in this case, consultation between the SEC, the Ministry for Conservation and the community."

He said SEC officers had prepared various alternatives, explaining them to people in the region by talking with councils, addressing meetings and keeping in touch with landowners and farmers.

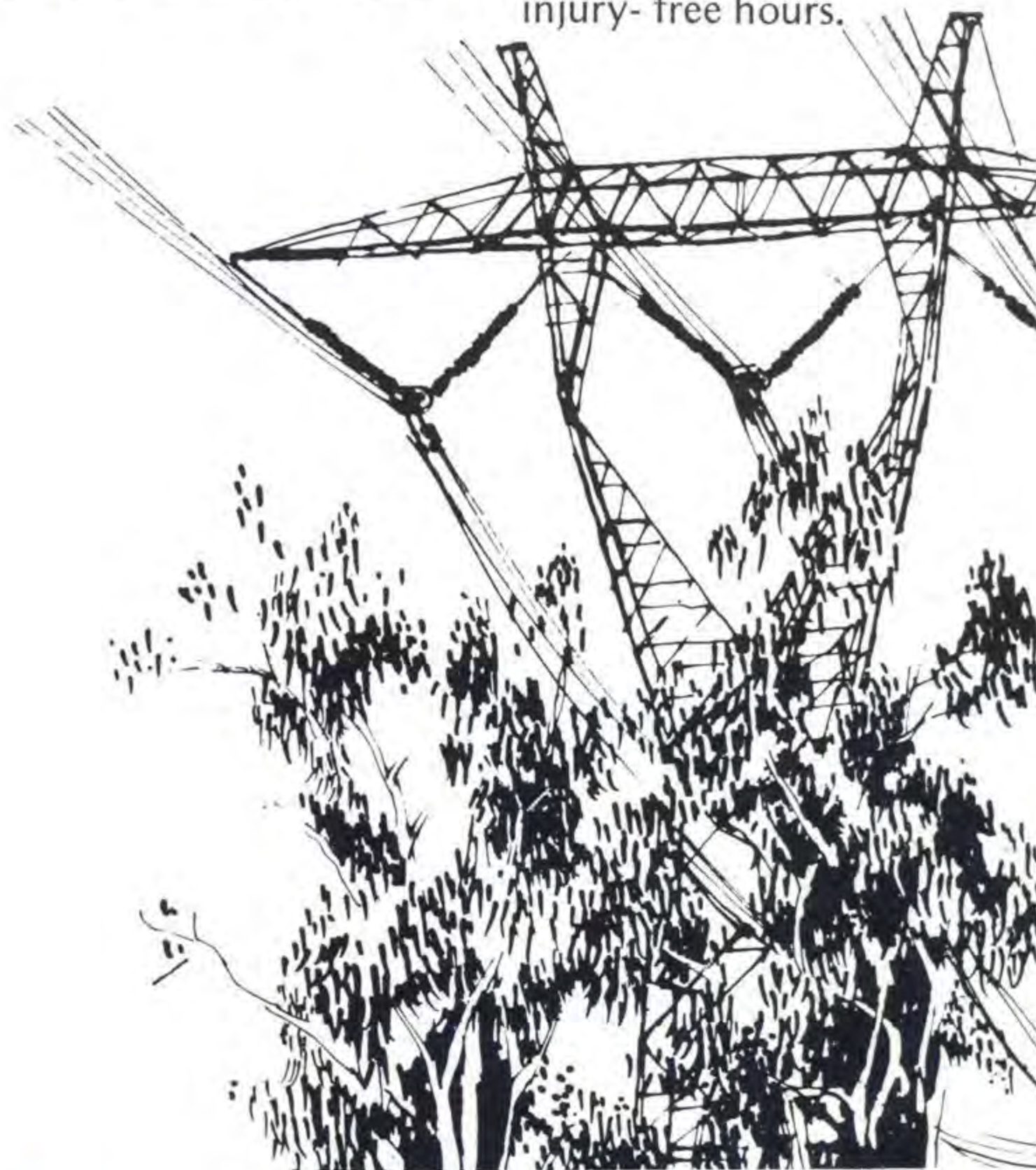
"As a result the route selected will not intrude unduly on either the landscape or the community.

The line will go south from Hazelwood, skirt almost all the Latrobe Valley coal area, cross the Strzeleckis and then follow the Moe Drain to pass south of Warragul.

From there it will run generally around the Koo Wee Rup Swamp and go almost directly west to Cranbourne.

The PPWC began its hearing in March last year.

With SEC engineers and council representatives, it made comprehensive ground and aerial inspections of all the proposed routes.



Public participation and Commission involvement in the parliamentary inquiry has been considerable.

It has represented 2½ years' continuous involvement by the SEC, including the use of an information caravan manned by SEC engineers and real estate experts who spent time in Cranbourne, Pakenham, Drouin, Warragul, Trafalgar and Morwell.

The Commission appreciated the large number of personal submissions and petitions which were received. Copies were sent on to the Ministry for Conservation.

The SEC will initiate further discussions on the final detailed survey and the construction program with councils and landowners.



ENGINEERING
SERVICES



CIVIL WORKS GANG SAFETY AWARDS

Morwell civil works gangs have each achieved 50,000 manhours without lost time injury.

FOR SALE

TRARALGON — 3 Elliott Street. BV home, 3 bedrooms, lounge-dining, bathroom with separate shower and bath, carpet and vinyl throughout, drapes, antenna, gas heating, large garage-shed low maintenance garden. Available late January. Phone (051) 74 2613 or R. Gaulton on Ext. 5508.

A Trash and Treasure market will be held on Thursday MARCH 8 from 10 a.m. at the Orana Club Newborough. Cake and produce stalls, new and used clothing will be on sale. Morning and afternoon tea will be available.

The gangs, involving gardeners, joiners, plant operators and Hazelwood depot personnel, have each worked for more than two years without a LTI.

Although their achievements were officially recognised by Engineering Services Department the gangs, each about 13-strong, will have to achieve 100,000 manhours before gaining official recognition by the National Safety Council of Australia.

At an informal function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors Centre at Morwell, gang members were congratulated on their fine performance by Manager Engineering Services, Ray Greenwood.

Gang members were all smiles when this photograph was taken in the Visitors' Centre.

Fine weather has helped the progress of the major roadworks program for the Morwell works area.

The \$330,000 works include the Julia Street extension, the east-west access road from the Lower Ridge Road to the open cut and a new 274-car car park.

Earthworks have been completed on Julia Street and the car park, with sealing expected to be completed by mid-March. Security

Roadworks on target

fencing will be completed by early March.

The extension project will also involve work on Julia Street-Elgin Street intersection.

Sealing of the east-west access road is also expected to be completed in the near future.

The project is currently right on schedule.

FUNDAY SUNDAY

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Previous Funday Sundays have attracted crowds estimated between 4,000 - 6,000 from all over Gippsland.

As the activities are aimed at local promotion of skills and talents, anyone interested in providing an activity or service should contact the Recreation Officer, Mrs. Bonita Best,

at the City Offices, Albert Street, Moe, or telephone 27 3666 by February 28.

FOR SALE

One pusher pram, Cyclops, in navy and white. Complete with shopping bag and toddler's seat. Good condition.

Inquiries — Ext. 3295.



Making a good record better

The 97-man strong Yallourn Open Cut Auxiliary Operations Section, which received congratulations all round late last year following the achievement of working more than 250 000 manhours without lost time injury, is now approaching another milestone.

At the time this issue of Contact went to press, the Section was about to complete its second full year without a lost time injury. (February 21, 1977 was the most recent).

Since "clocking" a quarter of a million safe manhours, the members of the section have kept up the good work to bring their record to within striking distance of 350 000 manhours.

Coal Production manager Jack Vines, at an informal function, has already passed on his congratulations to all concerned.

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE INVALUABLE FOR IAN

Ian Newnham, an engineer with the Mechanical Maintenance Section in Yallourn open cut, is getting back into top gear following a seven-month period in West Germany.

During that time, Ian swapped ideas on open cut procedures with Rheinbraun Organisation personnel working in the mechanical section of the Frimmersdorf open cut.

The northernmost of brown coal open cuts in the rich Rheinland region of West Germany, Frimmersdorf is about 30 kilometres west of Cologne.

It produces about 30 million tonnes of brown coal annually.

The West German work experience trip for Ian follows a similar exercise which involved Gordon Stewart, now an engineer with the Loy Yang Liaison Division.





ON THE BALL IN STORES

The award late last year of Stores Training Certificates to Garry Dawson (Morwell) and John Selby (Yallourn) created an opportunity for Chief Administrative Officer Jack Huxtable to highlight the importance of the Materials and Services Division. As Jack pointed out, Commission operations could come to a standstill without the orderly supply of materials flowing — as he put it — “to the right place at the right time.”

Some of the figures referred to in a brief presentation speech were eye openers.

For instance:—

*Latrobe Valley stores currently stock 15 000 general purpose items — and that doesn't include the wide range of pre-charge material items,

*approximately 43 000 spares replacement parts are stocked here, and,

*stores personnel carried out more than 413 000 transactions last year.

The increasing emphasis on stores activity has led to the review and updating of storeman training procedures

...which is where Gary and John come in.

They are the first to complete a new-style course introduced three years ago and providing three years on-the-job training.

The course gives participants considerable work experience in all areas of storekeeping — receipts and issue sections; spare equipment and the workshop situation.

Trainees are regularly tested, and after taking on greater responsibilities in the final year, sit for an ex-



The two budding storemen are congratulated by Chief Administrative Officer Jack Huxtable, Materials Officer Col Glen, Storekeeper (Morwell) Kevin Colville and Acting Supplies Officer Alan Cameron.

ternal examination to qualify for the Stores Training Certificate.

Gary and John came through with flying colours, setting a high standard for

others who follow them through the three-year course.

GIAE STUDENTS WORKING HOLIDAY

Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education engineering student Ian Prain, of Sale, (below) was one of 20 GIAE students who put their 1978-79 holiday break to good use with the SEC.

Ian, who worked in Coal Production, Yallourn, took advantage of vacation employment to gain practical

on-the-job engineering training.

The students are all undertaking the Institute's electro-mechanical degree course, which was designed specifically to meet the requirements of large Latrobe Valley industries involved in the engineering field.

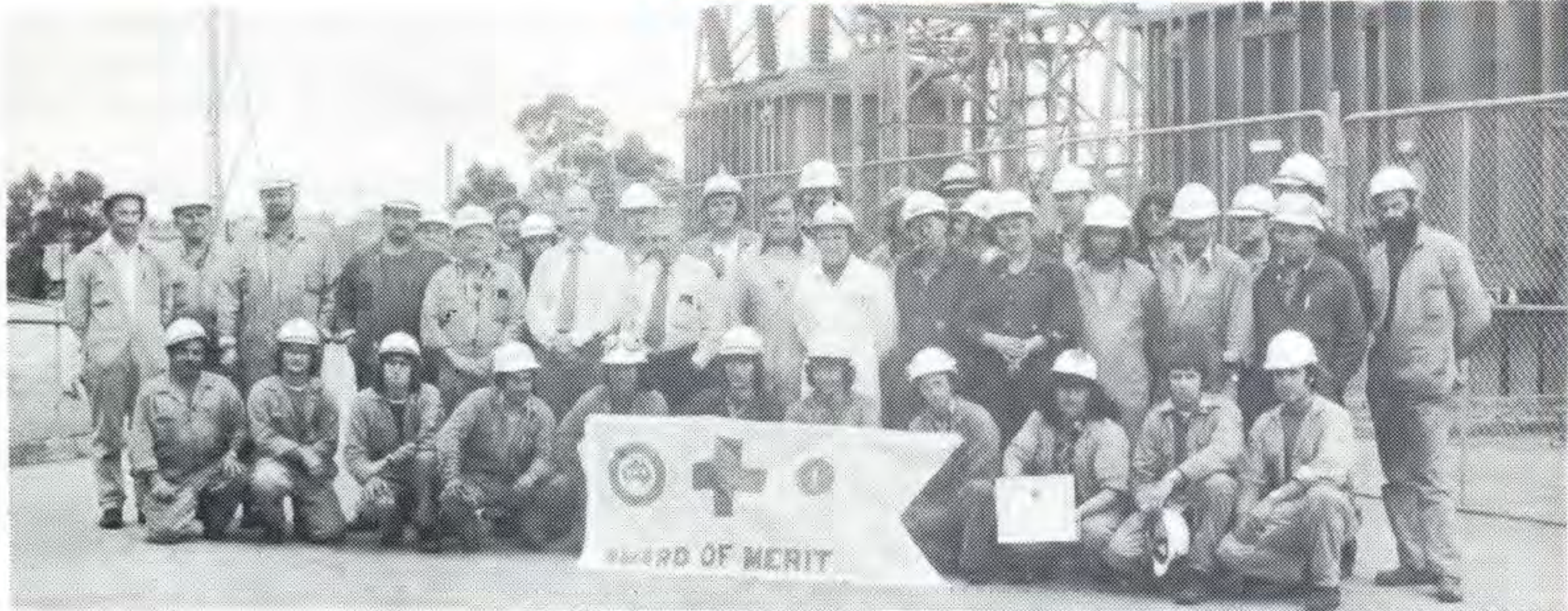
In addition to the vacation employment offered to engineering students, the Commission also provides access to its Latrobe Valley works areas during the academic year.

Within the SEC, the students are gaining access to some of the most modern equipment and techniques available.





**POWER
GENERATION**



**300,000
HOURS
AND
STILL GOING**

Yallourn Power Station boilermakers are setting themselves a very high safety standard.

At the end of January the 76-member boilermaker group had completed 308,181 hours (832 days) without a lost time injury.

The boilermakers (pictured above) received the National Safety Council award for 250 000 lost time injury-free hours at a presentation at the power station.



Sister Greig Trophy win

Yallourn Power Station bricklayers and laborers have chalked up more than 118 000 manhours without a lost time injury — and they're still going strong.

Their performance has won them the Sister Greig

Memorial Trophy, which is presented once every three months for outstanding effort and achievement in accident prevention.

They are pictured above with their National Safety Council award.

**Teamwork
key to
safety**

It's been two years since any of the 32 members of the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation technical services safety group has required medical treatment as a result of an on-the-job accident — a record about which station management is understandably happy.

The most recent lost time injury was in November 1976, more than 150 000 manhours ago.

Technical Services Engineer Dudley Sharp is the head of the safety group, but as he pointed out when the group was presented with several awards late last year, it takes personal involvement and teamwork to achieve good safety levels.

In fact, the presentations — of 100 000 man hour certificates and

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SERVICE REGISTER

Commission staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during January are included in the register below and on page 14.

January

25 YEARS:

Sergio Kuklinsky	Coal, Yallourn
Paul Borg	Yallourn power station
George Borg	Yallourn 'W' power station
Tom White	Area Services
George Wright	Yallourn power station
Norm Maskell	Yallourn power station
Alister Thorpe	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Tom Roberts	Coal, Yallourn
Allan Erbs	Civil Works, Yallourn
Colin Cowley	Area Services
Mike Gregson	Coal, Yallourn
Roland Ellis	Hazelwood power station
Ian Ipsen	Payrolls, Morwell
Laurie Culph	Power Generation Headquarters
Ken Flanigan	Drafting, Yallourn
Terry Glover	Yallourn 'W' power station
Ian Graham	Hazelwood power station
Fred McLeod	Training Centre, Yallourn
Vic Scholes	Hazelwood power station
Frank Hyett	Transmission Operations
Steven Rozvaczy	Yallourn power station

30 YEARS:

Ian McDonald	Transmission Operations
Gavin Edmondson	Transmission Operations
Don Clark	Power Generation Headquarters
Trevor Simberg	Coal, Morwell
Bill Adams	Secretarial
John Brown	Coal Production Headquarters
Tom Knox	Coal, Yallourn
Doug Spinner	Yallourn power station
Hector Kennedy	Coal, Yallourn
Les Hibbert	Civil Works, Yallourn
Tim Ryan	Coal, Yallourn

31 YEARS

Tom McKendry	Yallourn power station
Roy Simmons	Yallourn power station
Joe Silainis	Coal, Yallourn
Stacy Petravskas	Coal, Yallourn
John Sestokas	Coal, Yallourn
Keith Taylor	Coal, Loy Yang
Bob Dunlop	Coal, Yallourn
Arnold Siinmaa	Coal, Yallourn
Roy Wardley	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation

32 YEARS:

Max Jack	Yallourn Workshops
Roy Mawby	Coal, Morwell
Laurie Shipp	Morwell power station

Allan Jenner	Drafting, Yallourn
Lee Martin	Yallourn power station
Ken Castell	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Brian Baillie	Coal, Yallourn
Frank Fletcher	Jeeralang Gas Turbine Station
David Davies	Coal Production Headquarters
Harry Hopkins	Patrol
Joe Kirkup	Coal Production Headquarters
Ray Larkins	Civil Works, Yallourn
Allan Dell	Yallourn power station
Alec Skinner	Coal, Yallourn

33 YEARS:

Vic Payne	Morwell power station
Tom Robinson	Yallourn 'W' power station
George Beulke	Civil Works, Yallourn
George Jamieson	Yallourn 'W' power station
Charlie Pearce	Yallourn 'W' power station
Louis Williams	Morwell power station
Kelvin Bruce	Coal, Yallourn
Allan Stepnell	Yallourn power station
Frank Vogel	Pay, Morwell
Doug Gorrie	Pay, Morwell
Fred Bathurst	Civil Services, Morwell

34 YEARS:

Mat Daley	Yallourn Workshops
Rick Crookes	Personnel, Morwell
Greg Stuart	Coal, Morwell

35 YEARS:

Roger McMillan	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation
Stan Brown	Transmission Services, Yallourn
George Botton	Transport Workshops, Yallourn
Bob Baxter	Coal, Yallourn

36 YEARS:

Laurie Dagleish	Yallourn Workshops
Jack Embry	Coal Production Headquarters
Arthur Hamilton	Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation

37 YEARS:

Russell Humphries	Transport Workshops
Brian Clark	Transmission Services
Wally Andrews	Transmission Services
Brian Downey	Yallourn power station

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SERVICE REGISTER

38 YEARS:

Ewan Cameron	Civil Workshops, Yallourn
Vic Robinson	Civil Workshops, Yallourn
Ray Cordell	Yallourn Drawing Office
Syd Redman	Coal, Yallourn
John Watt	Area Services, Morwell
Rex Frost	Transmission Services
Max Madden	Accounting, Yallourn
Tom O'Neill	Coal, Morwell

39 YEARS:

Ralph Wicks	Hazelwood power station
Arthur Brogan	Transmission, Morwell
Syd Squires	Hazelwood power station

40 YEARS:

Bert Forbes	Morwell Workshops
John Duxbury	Yallourn power station

41 YEARS:

Norm McGuiness	Yallourn power station
Joe Metcalf	Yallourn Workshops

42 YEARS:

Kevin Watts	Yallourn Workshops
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43 YEARS:

Laurie Baker	Coal, Yallourn
Bill Kerr	Yallourn power station
Colin Hower	Morwell Briquette Distribution

44 YEARS:

Brian Collier	Personnel, Morwell
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46 YEARS:

Bill Godfrey	Yallourn power station
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retirements



KEITH BRUCE

An overseas trip, including a visit to his daughter in America, figures prominently in the retirement plans of Keith Bruce.

Keith retired on January 3 after some 28 years service.

He joined in 1951 as a clerk with the Chief Paymaster's Branch at head office. When he retired he held the position of administrative officer, Construction Division, Power Department.

Keith's fellow workers presented him with a set of luggage and a wallet of notes when they attended an informal farewell function.

In addition to his overseas travels, Keith plans to enjoy caravanning holidays.

A keen golfer, he will live at Corowa — opposite the local golf course.



STAN GODING

Stan Goding, who retired on January 6, worked as a grocer at the old Yallourn provisions store when he joined the Commission in 1936.

His career has advanced through many areas in the past 43 years. After leaving the provisions store in 1946, he worked as a graser in the Yallourn open cut, and later as a motor driver, tournapull operator, tractor driver and scraper driver.

Several promotions followed until his appointment as supervisor (technical) in Morwell open cut, the position from which he retired.

Stan's workmates presented him with a fishing rod and reel and a painting when they attended his farewell function.

In retirement, Stan plans to follow the sun along the coast and polish up his game on the bowling green.

Teamwork key to safety

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pennants for avoiding both lost time injury and the need for medical treatment — were made by MBPI Superintendent Cyril Morellato to safety assistant Vern Fulton.

At the time of the presentations, the LTI mark had reached 130 280 manhours (last recorded LTI was on 4/11/76) and the medical treatment milestone

was 115 564 (last recorded 1/2/77).

Since then, the totals have improved even further to 150 000 and 130 000 manhours respectively.

Power Production

Electricity production for Victorian requirements has increased by 75% in the past ten years. It is now some 19-000 gigawatt hours a year.

retirements



JACK LAWSON

Jack Lawson who retired from the Commission on December 30 after more than 19 years service, will continue to live in Morwell following his retirement.

Jack began with the Commission in February 1960 as a mechanical fitter with Yallourn workshops, transferring later the same year to the Morwell Briquette factory as a fitter.

He was promoted to leading hand in October 1962, the position from which he retired.

In retirement Jack's hobby of gardening will come in for a fair share of his attention.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell Briquetting and Power Installation training annexe, Technical Services Engineer Dudley Sharp presented Jack with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

KEITH PHILLIPS

A trip back to England is high on the list of retirement plans for Keith Phillips.

Keith, who joined in 1960 as electrical fitter with Morwell Briquette and Power, retired on December 2 last year.

After promotion to the post of technical service officer, Keith was appointed to the electrical plant section at Hazelwood Power Station. He has contributed to the development of the electrical

plant section technical records and plant history systems and the establishment of the spare equipment holdings.

A keen sailor, Keith has put a lot of time into building his own yachts. The study and preservation of wild life has been another of his interests.

Workmates presented him with a wallet of notes at his farewell function.

ALLAN CAMERON

Alan Cameron's career with the Commission has taken him to many parts of the world.

Alan, who retired on January 4, joined on July 16, 1945 with Briquette Production at Yallourn. He later transferred to Newport Power Station as a shift engineer, the position he held until February 1950 when he left the Commission temporarily while he travelled to Europe.

Alan rejoined at the Commission's London office later the same year as an inspecting engineer, involved with the manufacture of briquette factory parts in Germany.

He returned to the Latrobe Valley in 1954 and has worked at Morwell Briquette Factory and Yallourn Power Station, from where he retired as supplies supervisor.

Alan plans to travel again to Europe now he has retired.

His workmates presented him with a food-mixer at a well-attended farewell function.

LAURIE VANDERSTEEN

Laurie Vandersteen will be sharing his time between two homes following his retirement on January 5.

Laurie, from Churchill, plans to spend part of the year at his holiday home at Bermagui on the NSW south coast.

After joining the Commission in 1950 as an electrical fitter, Laurie had a short break in service before rejoining in October 1952.

Promoted to the position of assistant electrical operator at Yallourn Power Station in March 1954, he later transferred to power division at Yallourn as a plant operator.

Laurie transferred back to Transmission Operations in January 1966 and progressed through operator grades until appointment as group electrical operator, the position from which he retired.

His hobbies include yachting, power-boating and carpentry.

Workmates presented him with a cassette recorder.

VIC LONSDALE

Vic Lonsdale retired on January 20 after 22 years service.

Vic began as a fitter at Yallourn Power Station in May 1957.

In September the same year, he transferred to Operations where he was appointed boilerhouse engineer, and in 1966, was promoted to assistant charge engineer, the position from which he retired.

Vic has moved to Paynesville where he plans to enjoy his hobbies of fishing and home handy-man activities.



BOB DAUKSZA

After 28 years with the Commission, Bob Dauksza decided to call it a day on December 21.

Bob began with the Commission as a laborer with Coal, Yallourn in May 1951. While with coal he worked as a plant attendant, bedman and greaser before transferring to Municipal at Yallourn as a char worker and then carpenter.

October, 1956, saw Bob on the move again to Yallourn power station as a cleaner; he also worked as a trimmer, greaser and bunker attendant.

His final transfer came in December 1969 to Hazelwood power station as a trimmer. He was promoted to operator grade 1 in November 1973.

At a farewell in the HPS lecture Room, Acting Assistant Hazelwood power station superintendent Peter Euman presented Bob with a wallet and notes.

Bob's son Ray and his daughter-in-law Janet, a former SEC typist, travelled from Melbourne to attend the function.

FOR SALE

One wedding gown, guipure lace chiffon trim, very lovely young style — SW fitting.

Three-tier fingertip wedding veil with head-piece of French silk roses, plus a bouquet of French silk roses with lily of the Valley. Also for sale is a gold lurex long frock.

Inquiries — Ext. 3295.

CASHING IN ON COINS

Money — and lots of it — will be the star attraction at a convention in Morwell late next month.

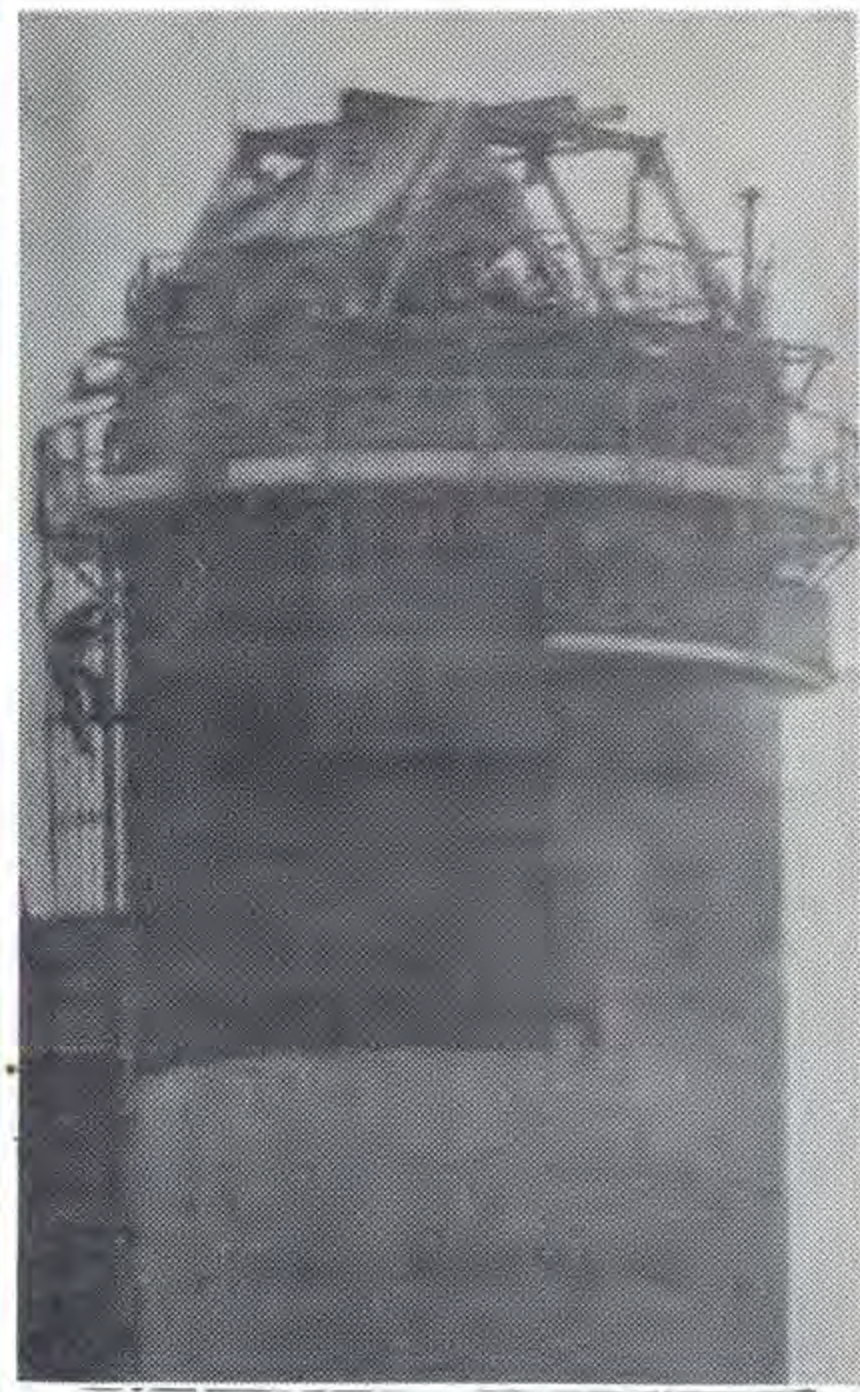
Notes and coins of all shapes and sizes from all corners of the world will be on display at the Victorian Council of Numismatic Societies convention at the Morwell Town Hall on March 31.

Morwell Numismatic Society — which boasts a number of SEC employees among its members — will host the convention as part of the Morwell Centenary Celebrations.

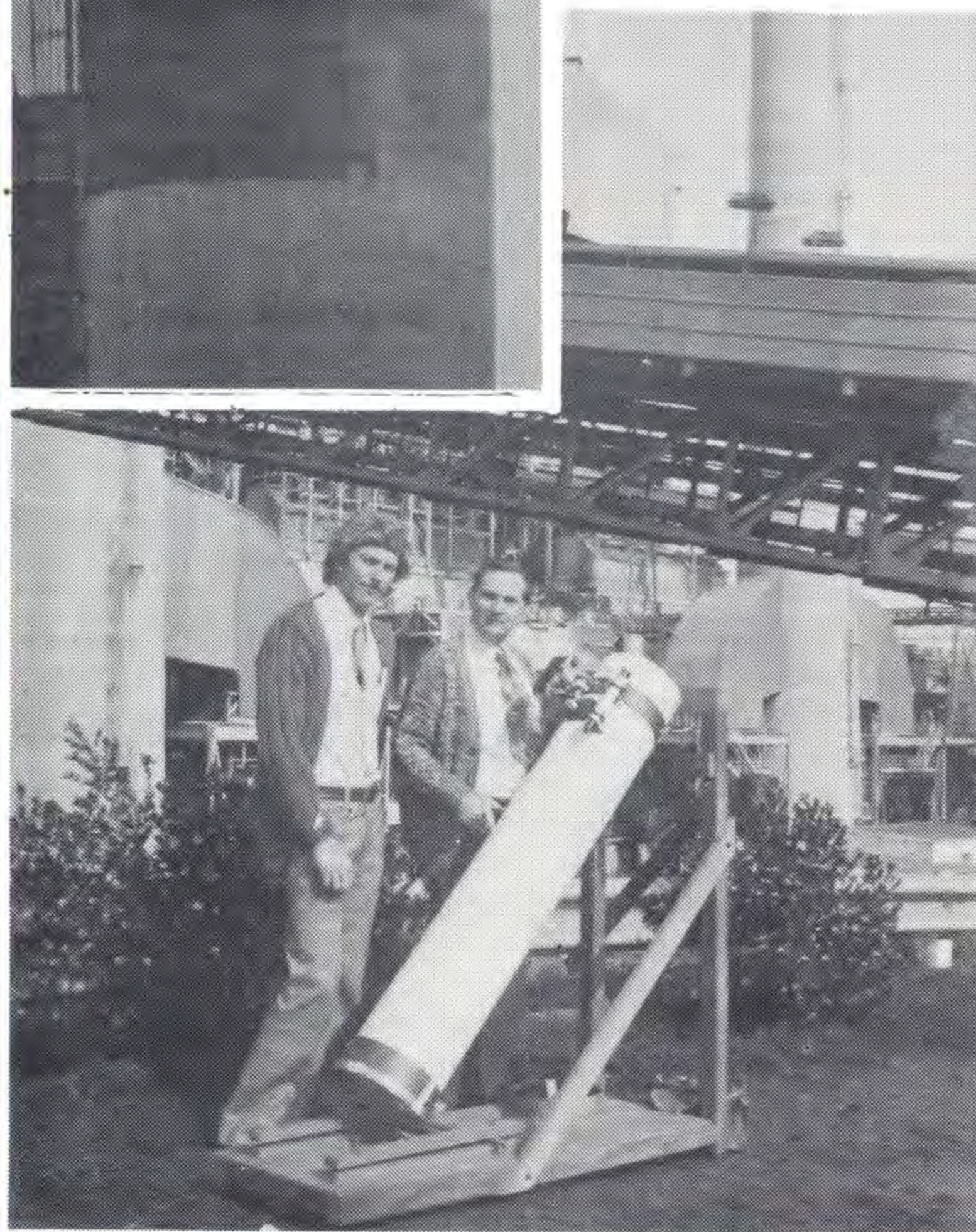
Society publicity officer Laurie Williams, of Hazelwood Chemical Laboratory, said the convention would be open to the public.

"I'm sure the convention will be of great interest to the many people who collect coins but don't know where to buy more or have their coins valued," he said.

TELESCOPE-EYE VIEW A WINNER



This is the view David Prust (left) and Jack Hinshelwood were after when they set up their long-range camera (below).



Telescopes are not standard issue in the SEC these days, but the combination of camera and telescope came in handy for Power Generation Department in a project which ended successfully last month.

The combination was used to enable Hazelwood Power Station engineers to take a closer look at fatigue cracks on the outside of HPS chimneys, paying particular attention to the No. 1 stack.

Telephoto lens shots of the chimney stack failed to provide the definition required, but the telescope-camera team — set up about 200 metres away — provided clear shots which engineer (boilerhouse projects) David Prust described as "very useful."

To take the photos, Engineering Services photographer Jack Hinshelwood simply removed the standard lens, connecting the camera direct to the 10-inch telescope.



Left: Representatives of ENPRO Services, consultants to the Fijian Electrical Authority, visited the area to inspect the Commission's overburden operations. Pictured with Operations Planning Engineer Jack Embrey (second from left) are Bob Hill, Geoff Hussen and Brian Davies.

Valley visitors

More than 7500 people visited Latrobe Valley works areas during the December-January holiday period.

Most parties of school children and casual visitors — many from interstate and overseas — began their tours at the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell, where they viewed the spectacular audio-visual presentation.

Last year more than 60 000 people toured the works areas.