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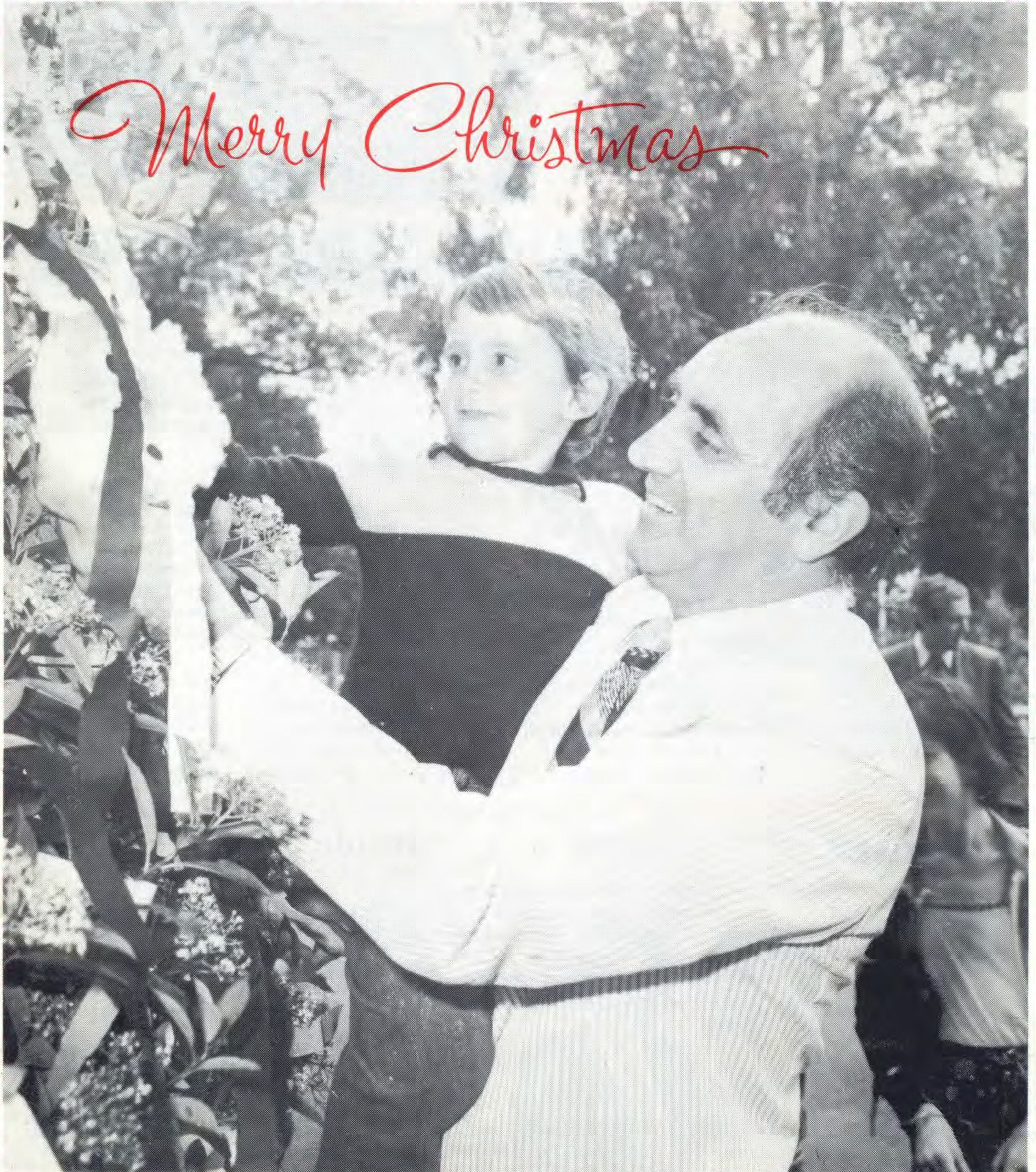


SEC

# CONTACT

DECEMBER, 1979

*Merry Christmas*



Yallourn Training Centre trades assistant Tim Goode, of Moe, is a shy, modest man.

His colleagues never guessed he was a second world war hero – and Tim never breathed a word.

But now the Queen has blown his cover.

Tim was awarded the British Empire Medal for outstanding bravery and courage when he pulled a burning pilot from a plane which exploded on an isolated Darwin runway.

And he is one of a select handful of Australian servicemen to receive a fine china plate commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of the Order of the British Empire.

Designed by Somerset Herald of Arms, the 27 cm plate features the order's colors, with pearl grey lettering and rose pink border. The design includes the royal cyphers of King George V, Edward VIII and George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The plate is valued at 60 pounds (\$120) before the scarcity value of limited edition is taken into account.

The scene of the plane crash is indelibly etched on Tim's memory.

"I was stationed near Darwin in a first aid detachment of 87 Squadron of the RAAF.



# Jolly Goode show for Tim

*Tim Goode (right) shares the joy of his rare plate with Yallourn Training Centre acting overseer Roger Godfrey.*

He was burning very badly. I stifled the flames with my hands and clothes.

"I didn't even feel the heat," Tim said.

Doctors fought for two days to save the life of the wounded pilot, but he died.

But even now Tim's thoughts are for the dead pilot: "I wish he was here to appreciate the plate too," he said.

"I only ever relieved on ambulance duty once and that was the day of the accident.

"Squadron Leader Gillespie taxied out onto the runway. As he came to take off, only one brake released. The plane spun round, the undercarriage gave way, exploded. Then the wing tanks went.

"The observer Sgt. Hayes managed to get out. He ran past me burning, fully alight.

"He survived although he's very badly scarred.

"I yelled to the ambulance to look after him. I went looking for the pilot. I managed to pull him out.

## Contact



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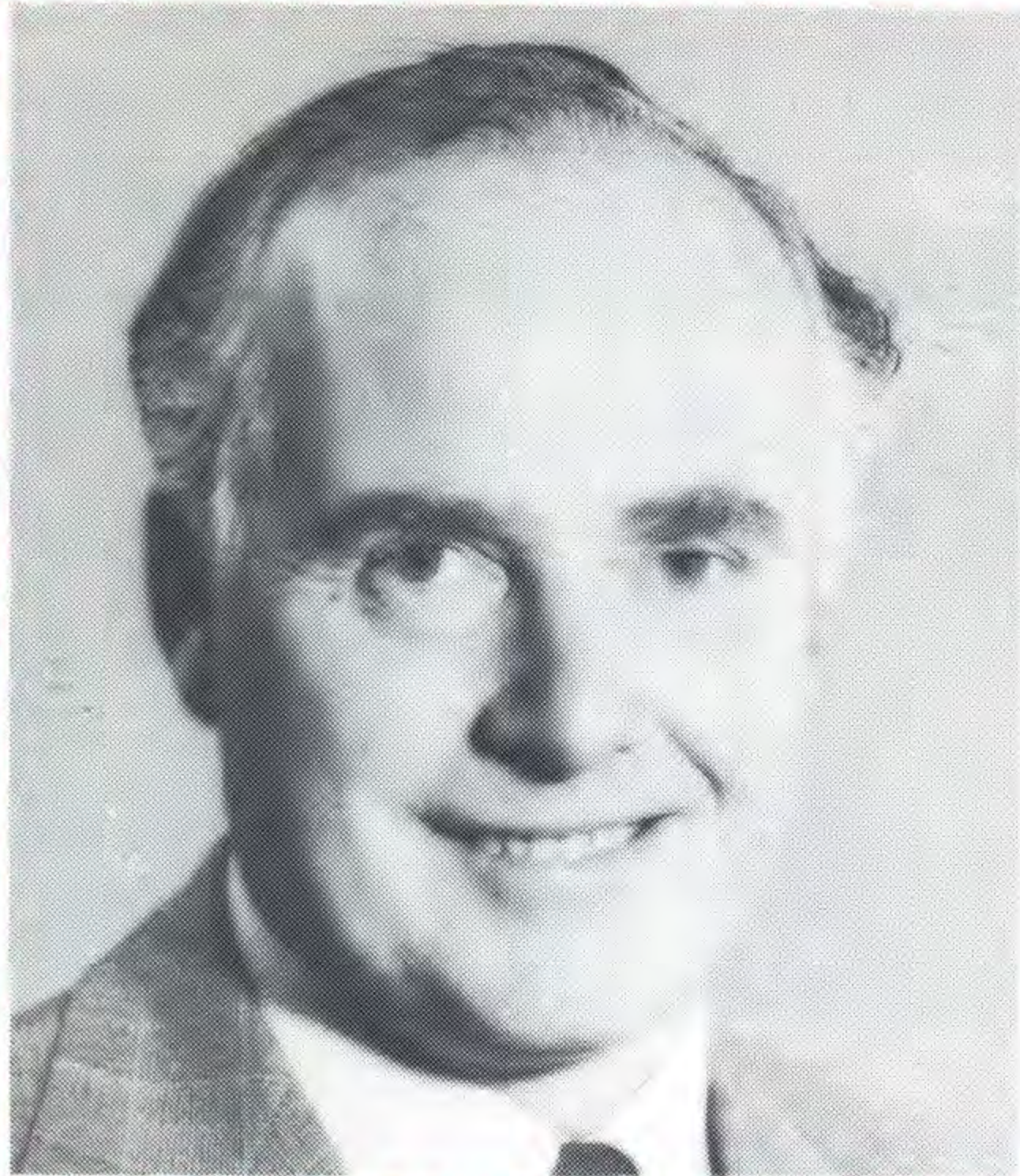
*Who better to help you decorate your Christmas tree than gardening expert Kevin Heinze. Kevin, a consultant to the Commission, really got into the festive spirit when he met Yallourn North primary school pupils.*

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*THERE will be no January issue of CONTACT. The next issue will be in February. CONTACT would like to wish its readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.*



## Christmas greetings

*As we approach the Christmas and New Year period we can look back on a year of solid achievement which should be satisfying to everyone within the Operations Group.*

*It is also time to look forward to the 1980s — a decade certain to bring many challenges for us all.*

*We can be assured of a challenging and interesting future as new development projects at Loy Yang, Yallourn W and Jeeralang become operational and add to existing responsibilities.*

*On a personal note, may I wish every member of the Group — and your families — compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous New Year.*

CLEM JOYCE  
AGM (Ops)

# APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

More than 600 people attended the Commission's first year apprentice presentation day in Yallourn's Kernot Hall on Thursday December 6.

Regional Director of Education Mr. Len Falk presented awards of distinction and merit to the top 36 apprentices from the 1979 intake of 200.

Mr. Falk spoke of the need for an increasingly skilled workforce to meet the growing industrial requirements in Gippsland.

Awards of distinction were presented to:  
Ken Young (carpentry and joinery),  
Ted Kalkhoven and Chris Lewis (electrical mechanics),  
Mark Beecher and John Geremia (fitting and turners).

Awards of merit went to:  
Peter Anton, Rino Marino, Peter Massey, Gavin Wolski, Russell Glover, Robert Gordijn, Tim Richards and Richard Sclater, (fitting and turning); Michael Higgins, Bill Walker, Tony Wolfe, Michael De Hommell, Michael Kealy, Terence Koster, Andrew Kypriotis,

Allan McAuliffe and David Mifsud (electrical mechanics). Ray Cook, Andrew Mackie, Alberto Massaro, Neil Maxfield, Craig Peters, David Pugh and Peter Sinz (boiler-making and structural steel fabrication); Tony Matthews and Tony Morris (instrument making and repairing); Heather Causon and John Davis. (gardening); Graeme Brand and Trevor Hough, (painting and decorating); and Jim Medew (plumbing).



*RIGHT: Len Falk presents electrical mechanic apprentice Chris Lewis with his award of distinction.*

*BELOW: Training and Development Officer Les Hunt is pictured with distinction award winners: (left to right) John Geremia and Mark Beecher (fitting and turning apprentices) and Ken Young (apprentice carpenter and joiner).*



# VALLEY TEAM WELL CLEAR

After three convincing wins the Latrobe Valley Social Clubs' cricket team is on top of the SEC Social League competition.

With an excellent percentage, the Valley is assured of top position with only two games to be played.

The team has defeated Eastern Metro, Monash House and Richmond.

Latrobe Valley captain Evan Rowlands (Coal Production, Morwell) is confident that the team can reach the final and collect its third premiership in five years.

Notable performances with the bat this season have been Ken McQualter's 104 not out, Paul Coffey 75 and Merv Graham 53 and 66.

Best with the ball has been John Hutchinson who took a hat trick against Richmond. Other bowlers to perform well have been Graeme Membrey, Ian Watson and Trevor French.

Results: Latrobe Valley 7/164 defeated Eastern Metro 9/51, LV 8/148 d Monash House 8/130 and LV 4/255 d Richmond 57.

The annual Latrobe Valley lightning premiership will be played on March 2.

## FOR SALE

Tomato plants, silver beet, marigolds, broccoli, Chinese lanterns, fuchsias, 50 cents each or vegies per dozen. Contact: Sid Osborne, 23 Butters St., Morwell.

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## HOLIDAYS COMING UP ?



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## MORWELL OPEN DAY

More than 700 people toured the Commission's Morwell works area during a public open day on November 19.

Visitors included people from Canada, Scotland, and New South Wales, as well as throughout Gippsland.

Tours took in Morwell open cut, Hazelwood power station and Morwell briquette factory.

*TOP: Ninety-five year old Mrs. Ella-Rose Scott of Toongabbie and her son Bruce.*

*ABOVE: John Matthews who works at Hazelwood Power Station, his wife Del and children Louise, Paul and Glen of Morwell.*

## Boost to historical collection

Yallourn Town Advisory Council has made a significant contribution to a campaign to collect historical material about life in Yallourn.

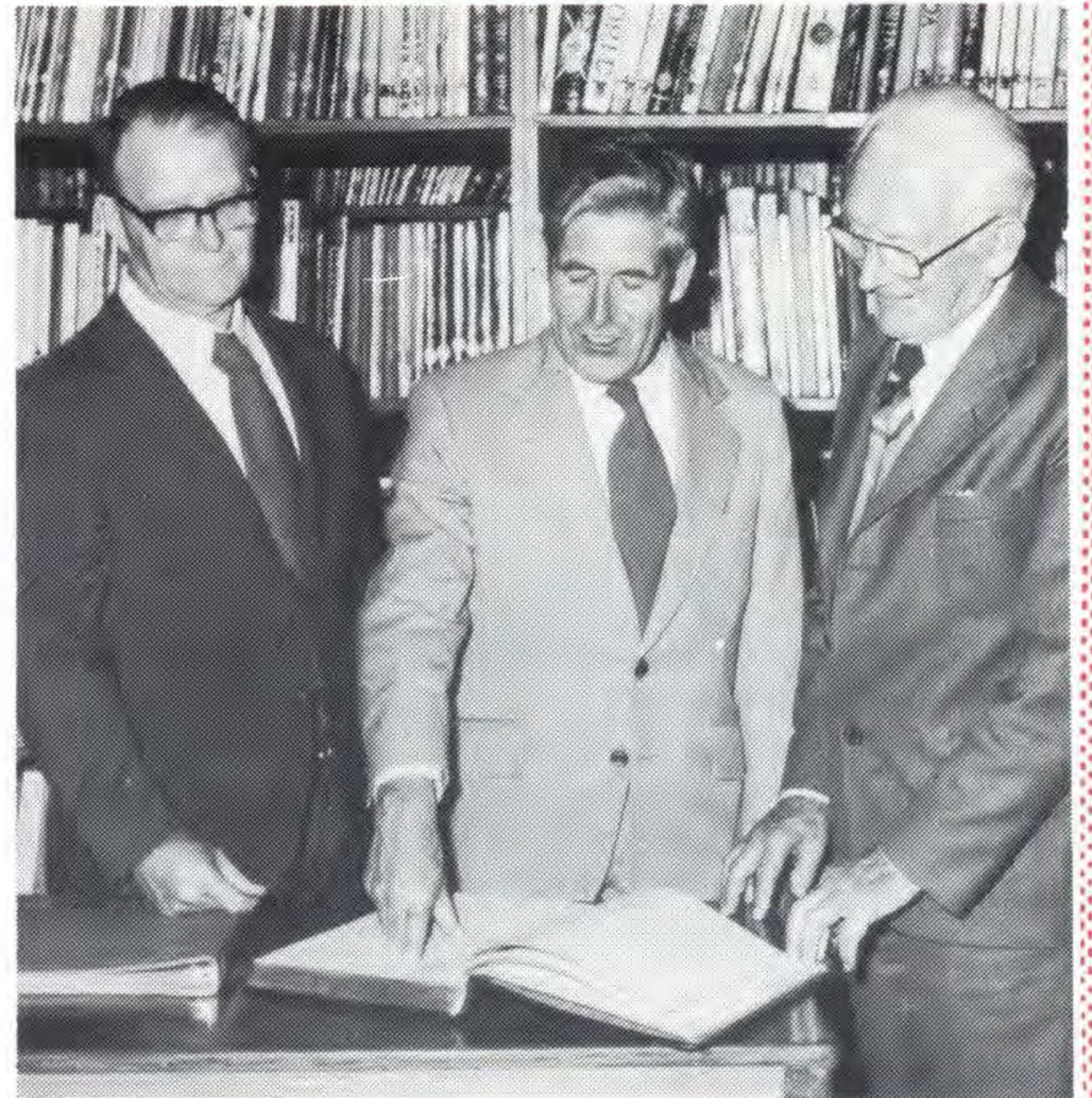
At its final meeting at Kernot Hall on Thursday, November 29, the council voted to hand over all the records of its 32 year history.

The records include council minutes, correspondence and the official visitors' book, together with signatures of two governors general, and a former archbishop of Melbourne.

Yallourn librarian Bruce Ponting is co-ordinating the campaign to collect and preserve historical records.

Club minutes, school registers, concert and theatre programs and tape recordings of Yallourn's earliest residents form the basis of the collection.

Anyone wishing to contribute material should contact Mr Ponting at the Yallourn library or Yallourn Historical Committee chairman Charles Spencer on SEC extension 3550.



*Recalling highlights of the past are Yallourn librarian Bruce Ponting with Yallourn Historical Committee chairman Charles Spencer (centre) and Yallourn Town Advisory Council chairman Cr. Neil Wishart.*

## GROWING LOY YANG GIANT

Last month marked a milestone in the construction of Loy Yang's first giant dredger.

Two crawler mounted cranes, with capacities of 200 tonnes and 112 tonnes, lifted the 200 tonne steel under-frame onto the crawler track frame.

The weighty components were freighted from Sydney in eight sections. The high tensile AS 1204 BHP steel was heated to 100°C for welding.

All welds were ultrasonically tested.

The under-frame is shaped like a hollow triangular box, three metres deep, 21.5 metres along

the base and with an apex of 16.5 metres.

Assembly of the crawler track frame components began in May on the Traralgon Creek Road dredger erection site.

The dredger components have been protected against the cold wet spring weather: the steel is electrically heated overnight and covered with tarpaulin to minimise heat loss.

Placement of the platform is scheduled for the New Year. Steel erection will follow and the dredger will begin to take shape by April.

The 2000 tonne machine is scheduled for completion by early 1981.



*From left: Social league vice president John Hutchinson, president Greg Hoskin and secretary Mick Given discuss an agenda item at the country conference held in Morwell.*

## Country conference

The Latrobe Valley last month hosted the SEC Social League annual country meeting for the first time in many years.

Thirty-nine delegates from throughout the State - many visiting Gippsland for the first time, attended the conference held in the Latrobe Valley Visitor's Centre.

Twenty representatives of local social clubs to-

gether with departmental heads joined the delegates for an evening buffet.

Highlights of the New Year's social club calendar revolve around cricket.

Sydney County Council cricket team visit the Latrobe Valley for the first time in January. The SEC will defend the McColl Shield at St Kilda on January 23 - 24.

# LAPHAM SHIELD WIN - AGAIN!

The SEC retained the Noel Lapham Shield in the annual clay bird shoot against an APM team at the Morwell Gun Club on November 24.

With a final score of 134 points to 123, the Commission won the shoot for the third consecutive year.

The Commission's successful eight man team included; Alec Bremner (Fire Services, Morwell), Bob Bremner (Transmission Services, Jeeralang), Glen Bennett (Fire Services, Morwell), Jim Wood (Hazelwood power station), Joe Attard (Yallourn power station), John Griffin (Yallourn power station), Tony Hill (fitter and turner, Yallourn), and David House (Boilermaker, Hazelwood power station).

The women's event was won by the APM's Val Brown from Ruth Bennett, SEC.

Highlight of the day was the excellent shooting performances by Marty Telehan (APM), Noel Kingsley and Alec Bremner (SEC) in the tower event. Noel and Alec eventually shared first and second prizes with Marty a close third.



*ABOVE: APM Maryvale mill manager John Finn presents the Noel Lapham Shield to SEC team captain Alec Bremner.*

## AWARENESS

In any pursuit — whether it be to race a motor bike, sail a boat, fly a kite, belt a ball, cast a line, climb a mountain, wander in the wilderness, watch a bird, tip a tin, or lie in a hammock — there is always some hazard for the unwary.

There are rules that apply and procedures that we must follow.

The first lesson in accident prevention is to learn the rules and procedures and be able to identify the hazards. Having identified the hazards, we then have to learn how to manage them.

## HAZARD POTENTIAL

Even the most sedentary pastimes are hazard-ridden for the unwary.

Consider lying under the shade of a tree on a hot summer's day — wonderful and relaxing, but is it safe?

Did you consider the environment — the bull ants running up and down the trunk?, or the cormorant perched above?, or the white ants in the branches?, the wasps nest nearby, the motor cycle tyre marks on

# Have a hazard - free holiday



*It's holiday time again — time to relax and enjoy favourite pastimes. But it is also a time of potential hazards. Accident Control Officer Rick Crookes in this article suggests some guidelines which can help ensure a pleasurable and safe holiday.*

the ground?, the people belting golf balls across the field?

The second rule then is to perceive the environment, that is to recognise influences that might upset the activity we plan to pursue and make some allowances for them.

## THE RANGE OF OUR ABILITY

How capable are we of doing the things we want to do? It's a bit foolhardy to follow the well known

Australian expression "av'ago mate" unless we have some idea of our abilities and skills and the problems we can get into if it does not happen the way we imagined it would.

Take sailing a yacht for example — light breeze, beautiful day, sailing's a push-over, no need for life jackets, we can get a sun tan on the way. But did you hear the weather forecast - fine, mild, change expected with 40 knot winds ahead of the change.

How well can you handle a sail boat in a strong wind? Can you identify signs of an impending weather change?

Third rule, don't venture beyond your capabilities and allow for contingencies and the unexpected.

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

For any pursuit it is wise to learn the rules, the dangers, the skills to be mastered, the things that can go wrong, the nature and characteristics of the equipment involved.

It is wise also to seek expert guidance and advice, particularly so in the more complex activities.

Remember, some recreation and sports take years of persistent effort to master the skills required. You cannot expect to be expert in your early attempts.

The final rule of accident prevention is that you cannot shed your cares and responsibilities in your leisure pursuits. Most require a high level of concentration, anticipation, judgement, foresight and developed skill. So follow the rules.



## FLYING? IT'S A BREEZE

It's been a good year for Moe pigeon racer Brian Harmer.

Brian, a patrolman at Yallourn, breeds and races pigeons with the Moe Pigeon Club.

His pigeons have won a number of events this season, including the hotly contested Gippsland Pigeon Federation races.....not a bad effort for someone who has only been in the game for two years.

Brian, who has 30 flyers and 21 stock birds, recorded his best performance this season in a 500 kilometre

race from Bateman's Bay when his birds were clocked in first, taking out the Moe Club and the Federation prizes.

Traralgon, Heyfield, Morwell and Moe owners enter birds in the weekly races conducted from various towns and cities in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

Brian isn't the only SEC employee tied up with the Moe Club, others are: Jim Forrester (Workshops, Yallourn), John Gaffa (Yallourn power station), Joe Gaffa (Test Laboratory, Yallourn), and Charlie Gaffa (Yallourn power station).



*Pictured here with Col Leviston and George Bates are crew members Kevin Veysey, panel beater, Morwell workshops, Gary Campbell, deputy controller, boiler maker at Morwell, and Michael Huke, boilermaker, Hazelwood.*

## New SES vehicle

This is Morwell/Traralgon's first State Emergency vehicle.

And one of the first to be invited to look over the unit was Area Administration Manager George Bates.

State Emergency Service volunteers have put months of hard work in refurbishing the old vehicle they acquired from Yallourn coal production maintenance.

The crew — who are all St John Ambulance Brigade

certificate holders — have equipped the unit with a mobile radio unit and emergency generator, together with cutting and lifting gear and traffic control equipment.

Transportation courier Col Leviston is Traralgon/Morwell State Emergency Service Controller. He was a founder member of the group, which started out 18 months ago towing a two-tonne tandem trailer behind private vehicles.

## DUST LEVEL STUDY

A study of dust levels in various Commission Latrobe Valley work areas will begin early next year.

The study is designed to clarify the extent of operator exposure to brown coal dust.

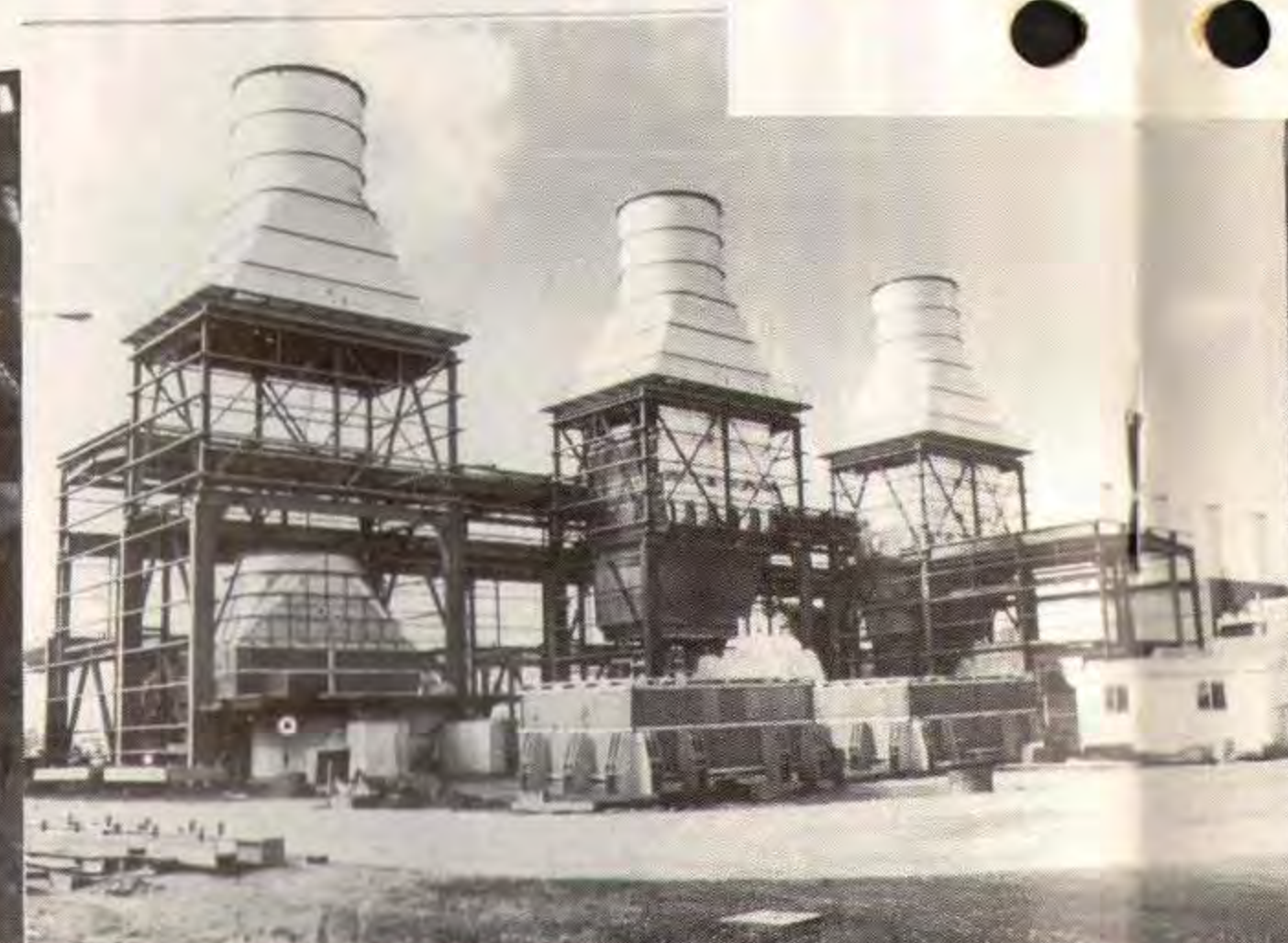
It will be undertaken by the Commission's Occupation Health team and is expected to take 12 months to complete.

Dust levels in open cuts, dredgers, coal bunkers, power stations and the briquette factory will be measured over a 12 month period to allow for seasonal variations in temperature, humidity and air movement.

Employees will be kept informed about the study at all stages.



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## ***Sandy bowls 'em over***

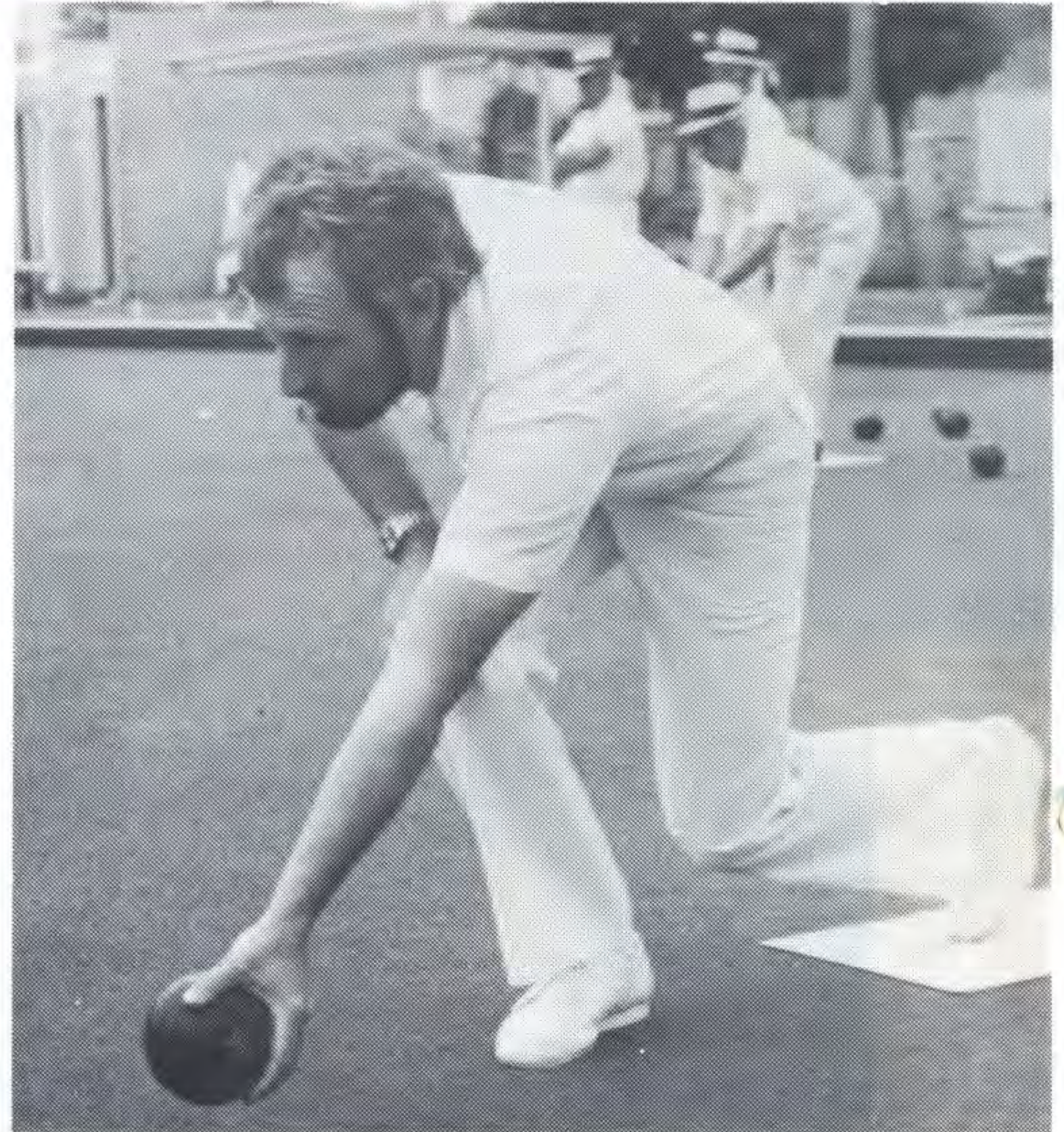
· Survey draughtsman Sandy Caines (right) represented Victoria in interstate lawn bowls championships against South Australia staged in Adelaide in November.

He was one of 20 team members who were successful in bringing the trophy back to Victoria after a year's absence. Victoria won, two tests to one.

At 32 Sandy already has a distinguished bowling record — current club champion at Moe Bowling Club, where he also plays as a skipper in the men's team and is a club selector ..... but it is the first time he has been selected to represent the State.

"I was very pleased to be invited — and I was happy with my form," said Sandy after his team had cruised through with a draw and two wins.

Now Sandy is hoping to win a place in the Victorian team to compete next March in the Round Robin tournament in Perth for the Australian title.



Christmas came early this year for Morwell transport driver Norm Howlett.

Norm, who has been with the Commission for more than 30 years, was handed the keys to a new truck on Friday, November 30, to use in his Commission travels.

"Santa" presented him

with a specially made perspex truck key.

Norm, who plans to retire early next year, reckons he had always driven old cars and trucks, so his workmates in the workshops thought he should have a new vehicle to drive for the next few months.

## **Just like new**

Number nine dredger is sitting pretty in the Morwell open cut — thanks to a sparkling new coat of silver paint.

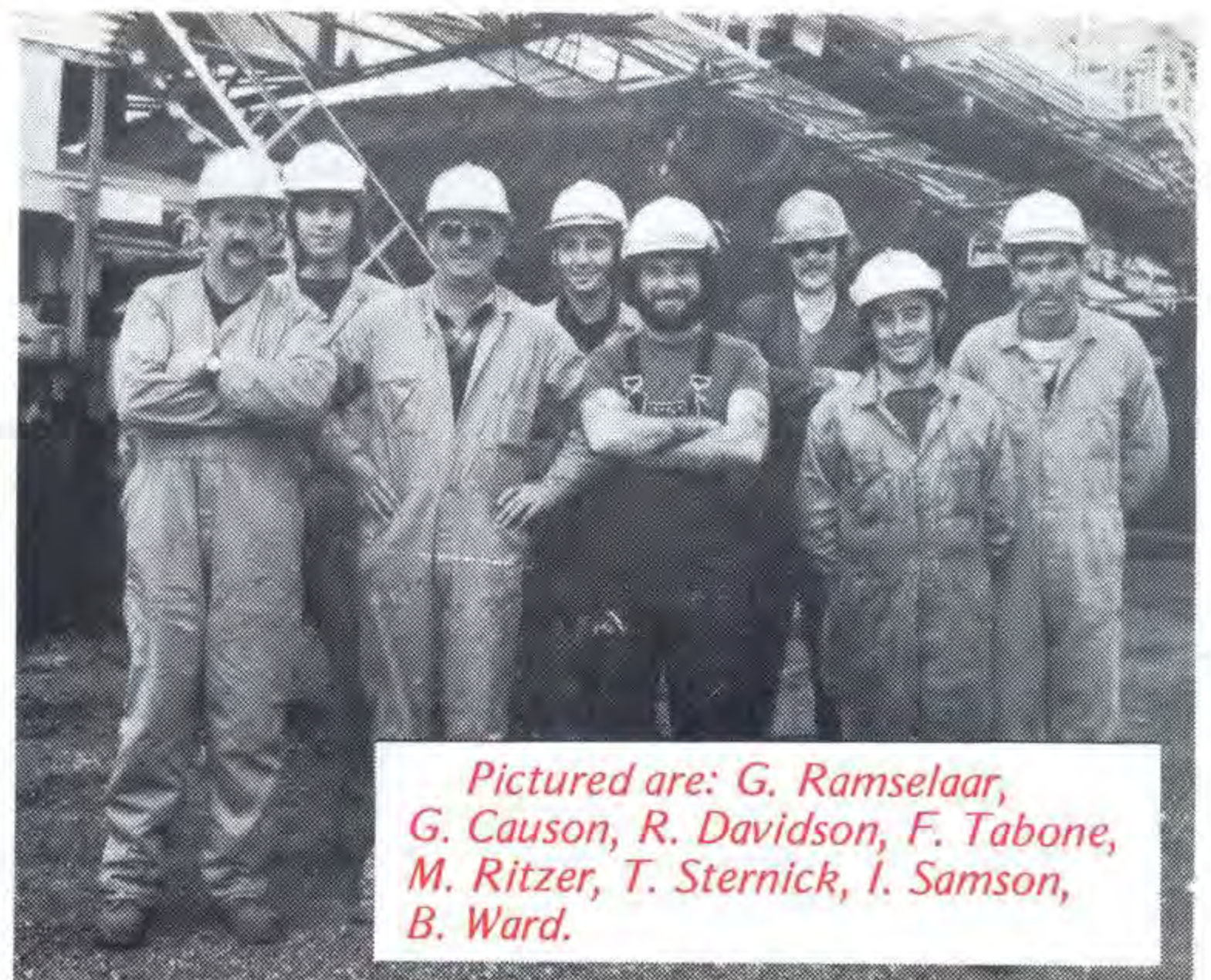
And that's a first. Re-painting of dredgers is usually tackled on a piecemeal basis whenever machine outages make it possible.

But a two month outage enabled the civil workshops

painting team to cover the eight story high dredger from mast to boom.

The paint job took about six weeks, and required about 1200 litres of paint (the equivalent of about 30 houses).

The dredger was spot primed and then airless sprayed.



*Pictured are: G. Ramselaar, G. Causon, R. Davidson, F. Tabone, M. Ritzer, T. Sternick, I. Samson, B. Ward.*



# Bridging the Thomson gap

Prisoners of war and the Bridge over the River Kwai?  
Far from it.

These men were among 118 members of the SEC-sponsored 39 Electrical and Mechanical Squadron who took part in a recent training exercise to rebuild Brunton's Bridge near Walhalla to footbridge standard.

About 30 Valiey-based employees took part in the camp, organised in response to a request from Moe Historical Society, who lacked the resources to repair the bridge.

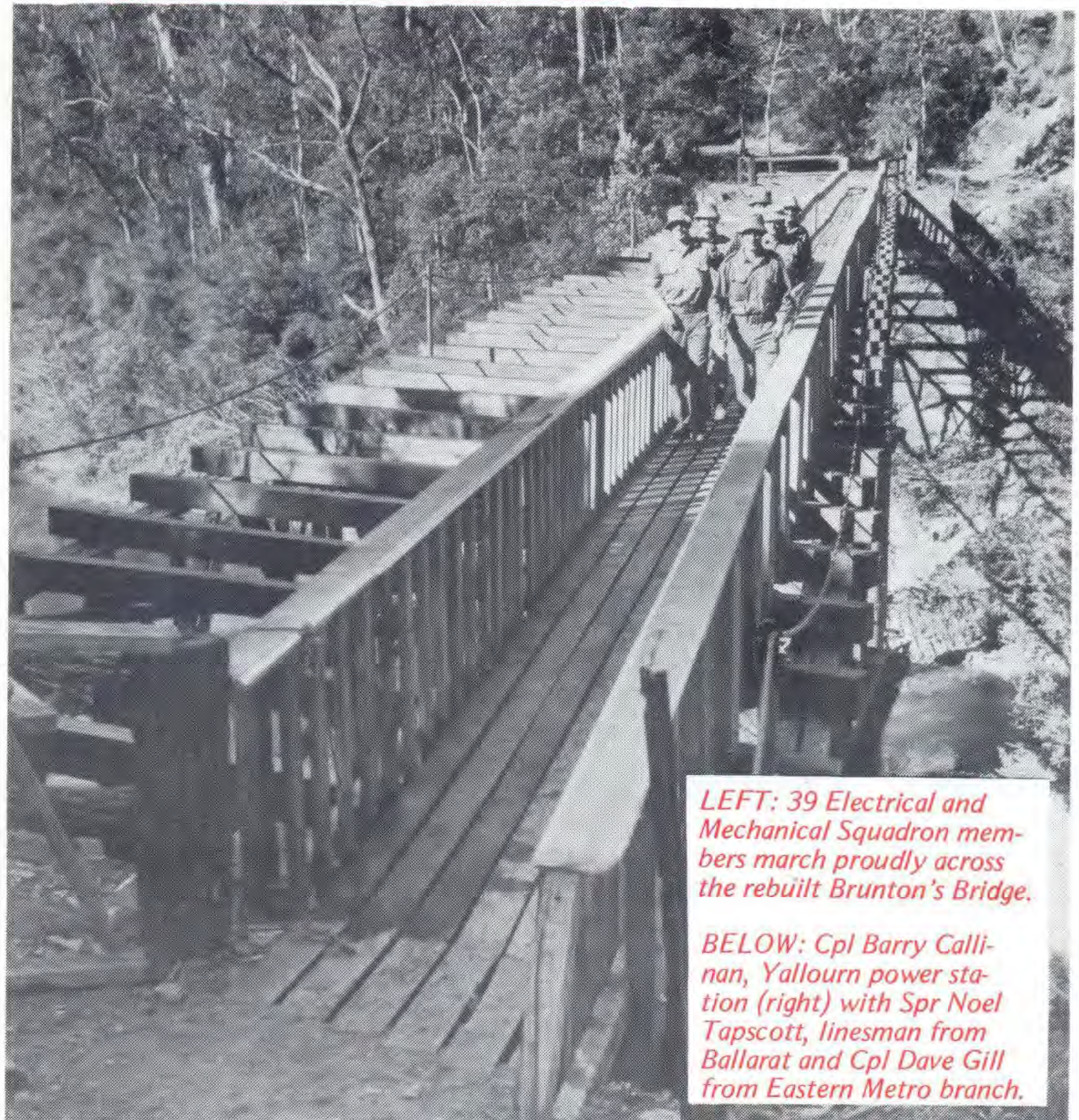
Officer in charge was Major Geoff Hall, electrical workshop engineer with Transmission Operations.

Formerly a thoroughfare for Cobb and Co. coaches, the timber slatted suspension bridge was destroyed by bush fires in 1939.

The repairs effectively open the Thomson River section of the Alpine track to bushwalkers in winter.

The army reservists also improved river crossings for road traffic and established barbecue sites and picnic tables.

The SEC squadron worked in association with GI Forestry Squadron, who organised the logging operation and established a saw mill to mill the bridge timbers.



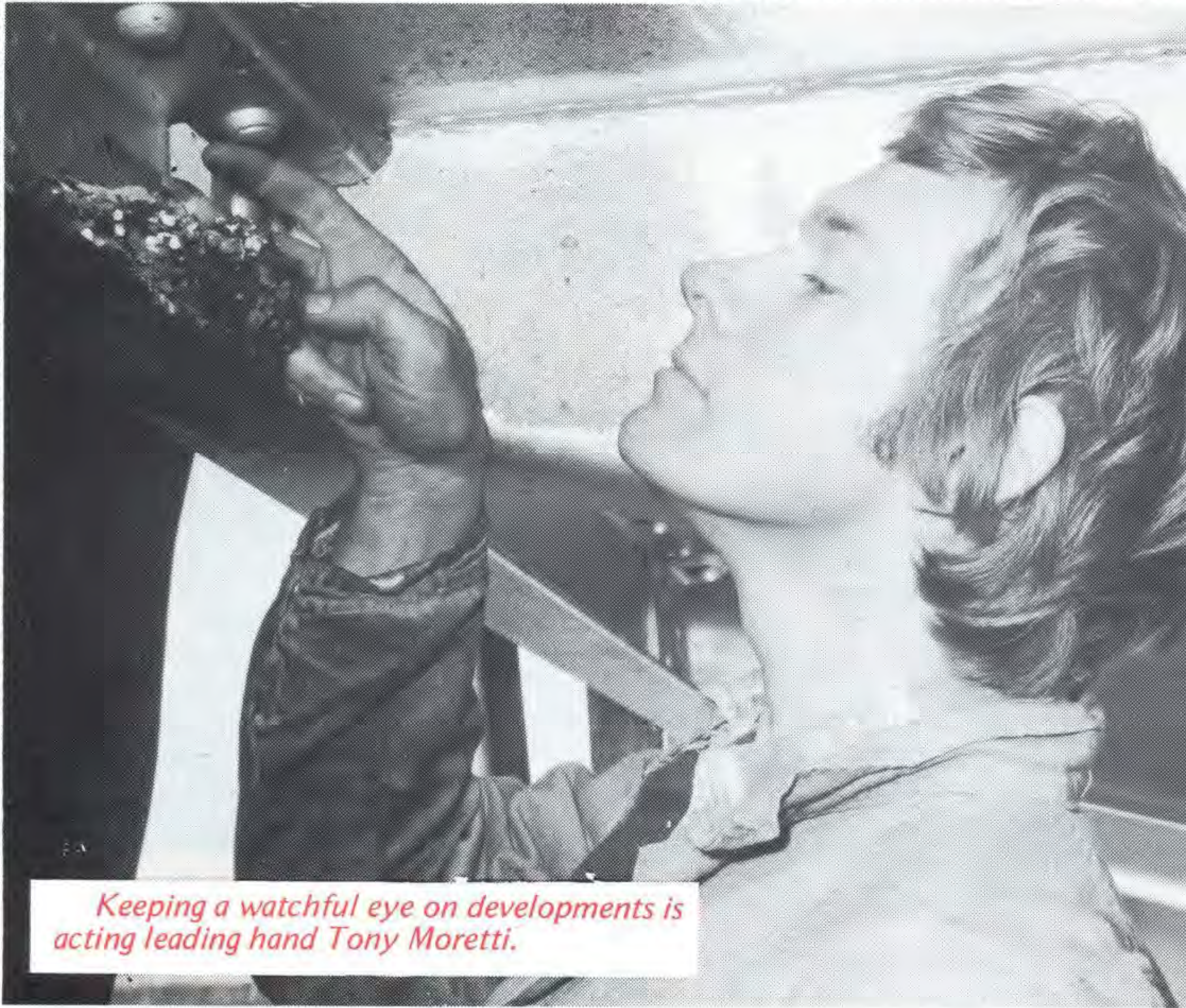
*LEFT: 39 Electrical and Mechanical Squadron members march proudly across the rebuilt Brunton's Bridge.*

*BELOW: Cpl Barry Callinan, Yallourn power station (right) with Spr Noel Tapscott, linesman from Ballarat and Cpl Dave Gill from Eastern Metro branch.*





COAL  
PRODUCTION



*Keeping a watchful eye on developments is acting leading hand Tony Moretti.*

## CHINESE VISIT

A goodwill delegation from the Chinese province of Jiangsu last month inspected Latrobe Valley open cut/power generation installations.

The 14 person mission was led by Chairman Xu, Governor of the Province, and representatives of government departments.

The delegation toured Morwell and Yallourn open cuts and Yallourn W power station with Coal Production Manager Jack Vines.

Jiangsu province is one of the most densely populated regions of China.

## Fancy meeting you here

If this bird was looking for a quiet place to hatch her eggs, she certainly got her directions wrong.

Morwell Coal Production maintenance crew discovered the swallow's nest and four eggs when they were working on number 9 dredger.

Mobile plant foreman Frank O'Donnell said: "It was up under the super structure of the dredger.

"The painters had been in, and had had to paint around the nest.

"We were using impact wrenches within a metre of the nest .... but nothing seemed to deter the bird.

"She went right ahead and three out of the four eggs hatched."

The day after this picture was taken, the chicks took their first flight.

"They flew around the dredger for half an hour . . . . and we haven't seen them since," said Frank.

# YALL. SEAM TESTS

Yallourn coal from the Morwell open cut was trial briquette tested last month.

The coal was taken from the very thin 'lens' of Yallourn coal seam which has been visible in the Morwell open cut since early this year.

Planners have known about this seam for many years, and several years ago plans for the development of Morwell open cut were amended to enable the cut to skirt around the edge of the Yallourn seam.

However, in the next few years advancement of the open cut will require removal of about five million tonnes of the Yallourn coal.

Unlike its Yallourn open cut counterpart, this coal represents the extremity of the seam and is of relatively poor quality.

Its future could lie in a number of directions, the cheapest and simplest solution being briquetting.

But at the time of Contact going to press, no-one was being over optimistic about the outcome of the tests.

Alternative uses for the Yallourn coal include mixing with Morwell coal for burning in Morwell power station or transferral for burning in Yallourn power station.



## POWER GENERATION



**LEFT:** The "W" station first aid team pictured with Chairman Charles Trethowan after the final. From left: Larry Ryan, Bob Hardaker, captain John Gillette, coach Don McCasker and emergency Hank Wegh.

**BELOW:** The team in action during the final. Teams were faced with the aftermath of a "hold-up" in a Tatts-lotto agency/hairdresser.

# 'W' team pipped in final

Yallourn 'W' first aid team performed creditably in the State-wide first aid championships staged at South Melbourne Technical School.

Making their first appearance at the finals the team narrowly conceded second place to last year's champions Horsham while Camberwell (previously Collingwood depot team) took their third championship title.

'W' team captain John Gillette said: "We went pretty well — although we were a bit slow getting going. We worked very well as a team and now we know the tactics, we should be in with a chance for the championship next year."

The team was faced with an armed hold-up in a

Tatts-lotto agency cum hairdresser: a customer slumped in the barber's chair with chest and arm wounds, the proprietor unconscious on the floor with a head injury and his wife lapsing into a diabetic coma.

Finalists were allowed 15 minutes to assess the situation, diagnose injuries, apply basic first aid and call emergency services.

Adjudicators were Victoria Police Surgeon, Dr. Peter Bush, and Vicrail's chief ambulance officer, Les Wignall.

Chairman Charles Trethowan presented the trophies.

The object of the competition is to test the ability of first aid teams to deal with cases under emergency conditions.



## NEW DEPUTY MANAGER

Don Clark has been appointed Deputy Manager, Power Generation.

He will succeed Jack Robertson, who retires on 28 February next year as head of the Commission's largest single department.

Don, who lives in Morwell, holds a Fellowship Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from RMIT. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers (Australia) and a Member of the Institute of Fuel.

He joined the SEC in 1949 as an Engineering Assistant on construction at Newport. In the course of his career he has held the position of Power Station Superintendent at Morwell, Yallourn and Hazelwood and Headquarters. He was appointed to his present position as Power Engineer early this year.

# SERVICE REGISTER

COMMISSION staff and wages personnel who have reached significant service milestones during December are included in the register this month:

## DECEMBER

### 25 YEARS

Alec Kirchhoff  
Jan Lustig  
Michael Heffernan  
Harold Ryley  
Ray Phillips  
Jan Bosch  
Ken Greenhill  
Keith Barlow  
Keith Hall  
Jim Welsh

Civil Works Yallourn  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn 'W' Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Civil Services Morwell  
Pay Morwell  
Transmission Operations  
Morwell  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Fire Services Morwell

Les Abbott  
Bud Walker

### 30 YEARS

Fred Lloyd  
Carmel Cassar

Yallourn 'W' Power Station  
Central Workshops  
Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station

Angelo Cassar  
Jack Wilson  
Alex Leitch

### 31 YEARS

John Passey  
Max Strong  
Ted Nosowski  
Petro Janiw  
Mychajlo Andrijczak  
Athol Minster  
George Sherman  
Alex McIntosh

Central Workshops Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
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Materials and Services,  
Morwell  
Morwell Open Cut  
Patrol Yallourn  
Patrol Morwell

Vlad Kozeniauskas  
Bill Wood  
Norm Foley

### 32 YEARS

Alf Clarke  
Max Grubb  
Bruce Coghlan  
Don Casey  
Kevin Randall

Transmission Operations  
Yallourn  
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Transport Workshops  
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Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut

### 33 YEARS

Tom Oswald  
Ron Jessup  
Lyll Horton  
Gilbert McPhee

Transport Workshops  
Yallourn  
Area Lines Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Transmission Services  
Yallourn

John Morris

Ray Tate

Keith Fletcher

Bob Stevenson  
Aub Douglas

Arthur Scott  
John Stevens  
Jim Knowles

Vin Walker

Les Barton  
Bob Crookston  
Doug Amos

Fred Richards  
Ron Douglas

Roy Pryke

Lin Bowler

John Walker

Col Hower

John Ebsworth  
Ken Crane

Jim Scholes

### 34 YEARS

Transmission Operations  
Morwell  
Transmission Operations  
Morwell

### 35 YEARS

Morwell Briquette and  
Power

### 37 YEARS

Mechanical Services Morwell  
Transport Workshops  
Yallourn

### 38 YEARS

Central Workshops Morwell  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Coal Production  
Headquarters  
Morwell Briquette and  
Power  
Property Morwell  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station

### 39 YEARS

Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station

### 40 YEARS

Civil Works Yallourn

### 41 YEARS

Electrician Workshops  
Morwell

### 42 YEARS

Yallourn Open Cut

### 43 YEARS

Morwell Briquette and  
Power

### 45 YEARS

Yallourn Open Cut  
Stores Yallourn

### 48 YEARS

Civil Works Yallourn

# retirements

## HUGH TAYLOR

After more than 33 years service with the Commission, Hugh Taylor called it a day on October 7.

He began in February 1946 as a carpenter at Yallourn workshops and was reclassified leading hand carpenter in August 1951.

April 1958 saw another move to a weigher with fuel supply Yallourn. He was promoted to Consigning Officer in February 1960.

Hugh was transferred to Morwell as Consigning Officer in July 1961. Two years later he was promoted to Senior Consigning Officer, Briquette Distribution, the position from which he retired.



In retirement Hugh intends to enjoy his hobbies of bowls, fishing and gardening. He will continue to live in Moe.

At an informal farewell Briquette Distribution Officer Ian McArthur presented Hugh with a wallet and notes on behalf of his workmates.

## JACK SWAN

Jack Swan retired from the Commission on November 13 after more than 33 years service.

Jack, who has always worked with transport while with the Commission, began as a motor driver at Transport, Richmond in September 1946.

He was appointed transportation foreman at Morwell in July 1958, and promoted to overseer in February 1971.

He was appointed Transportation Officer at Morwell in 1976.

During his 33 years service, Jack worked at Melbourne, Kiewa, Yallourn and Morwell.

Jack's hobbies of punting, fishing and golf will keep him busy in retirement.

An overseas holiday, with his wife Joan, is already on the drawing board.



At an informal farewell function in the Latrobe Valley Visitors' Centre at Morwell, Chief Administrative Officer Jack Huxtable presented Jack with an electric welder and Joan a sheaf of flowers on behalf of his workmates.

## HECTOR DOWNING

Keen sportsman Hector Downing plans to enjoy his hobbies of duck shooting, and fishing in retirement.

He and his wife Mary plan to continue living in Morwell.

Hector retired from the Commission on October 21 after more than 16 years service.

He began with the Commission in July 1963 as a trades assistant in Yallourn workshops and then transferred to Coal Morwell. He was promoted in May 1966 to a second class machinist with Coal.

In April 1973 he moved on to be a vulcaniser, also



with Coal Morwell, the position from which he retired.

At an informal farewell function in the Morwell mechanical maintenance canteen Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent Brian Ryan presented Hector with a gas barbecue, a battery charger and a wallet of notes on behalf of his workmates.

## HERB GULBIS

Herb Gulbis will have more time to enjoy his hobbies of gardening and bowling following his retirement on November 18 after more than 30 years service.

At an informal farewell function in the Yallourn civil works canteen, acting Engineering Services Manager Max Williamson presented Herb with a watch on behalf of his workmates.

Beginning as a laborer with Forestry in Yallourn in October 1949 he held a number of positions



before being appointed a survey assistant in October 1954 with Municipal.

October 1955 saw another move to a technical assistant with civil construction. In 1956 Herb was appointed an engineering assistant grade two and received further promotion to a grade three position with civil works Yallourn in 1975.

## Yallourn visitors' centre closed

The Commission's Yallourn visitors' centre closed on Sunday, December 16.

All visitors to the SEC's Latrobe Valley Works Area will now be directed to the Visitors' Centre at Morwell, where an audio visual presentation is available.

Tours, taking in Morwell open cut, Hazelwood power station and Morwell briquette factory, are conducted seven days a week from 9 am to 3 pm.

For further details contact Bill Hopkins, extension 3415.



# Setting the scene for Santa



*It's nearly Christmas and Commission social clubs have been making sure the festive season gets into full swing.*

*Picnics and parties for employees and their families have been held at various venues throughout the Valley during the past month.*

*Barbecues, games, gifts for the children and of course a visit by Santa have helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit.*

