



# CONTACT

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*Ellen and Wally Anders and daughters Karen and Jenny provide a welcome haven for a variety of wildlife at their Hazelwood South wildlife shelter. See story, page 4.*

# FOOD VENDING STATION TRIAL TO BEGIN

YALLOURN shift workers in the Eastern Road area can now purchase food from a vending station.

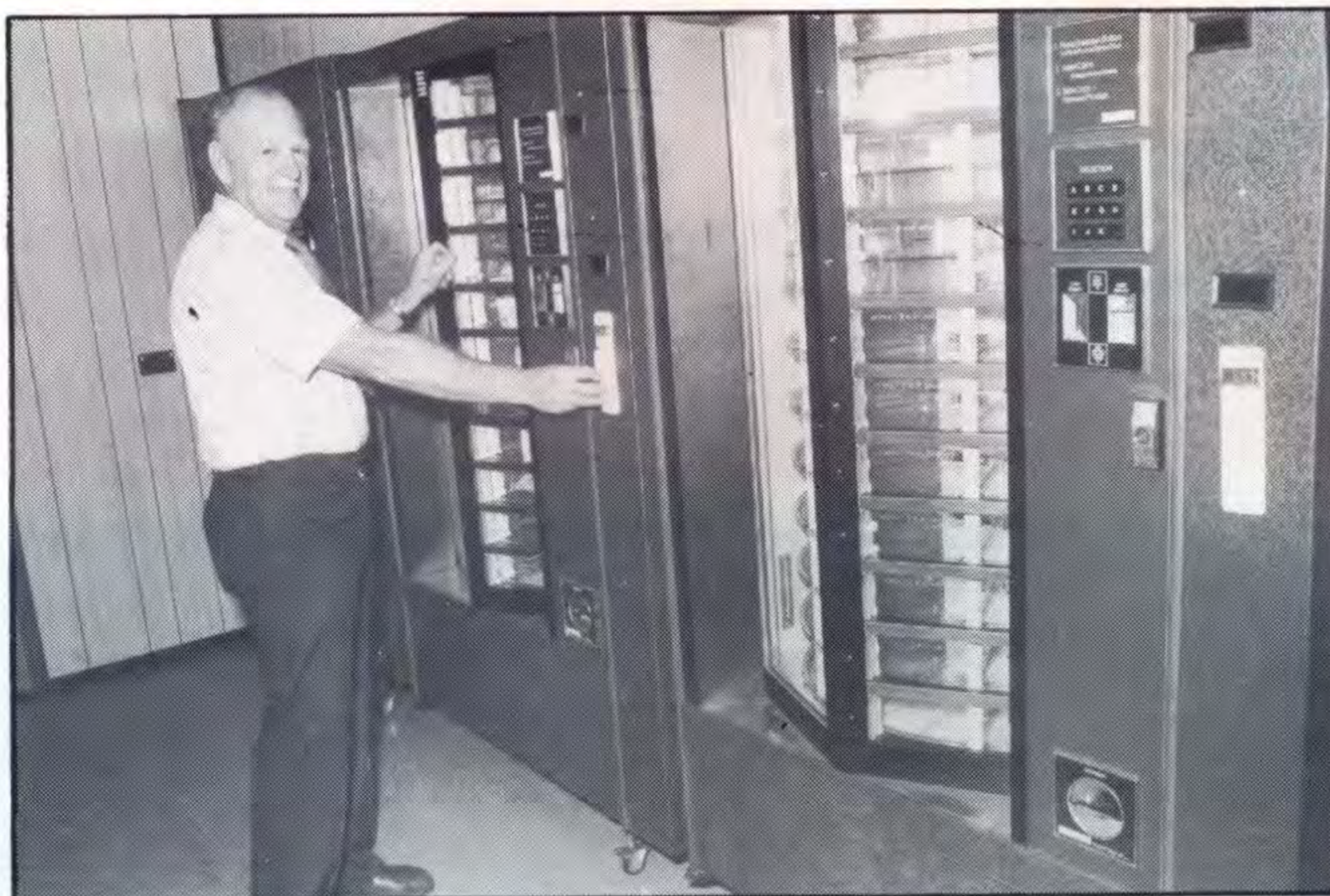
A six month trial of the vending station is to be carried out. The trial has been initiated by the meals action group of the Joint Shift Working Party, following successful trials with frozen meals in selected shift work locations.

The vending station consists of three vending machines and a revaluating terminal.

The vending machines are operated with a plastic card which is credited by inserting money in a revaluating terminal. The terminal can take from five cents to \$1 in coins and \$2 in notes. As a security measure the total credit the card will accept is \$20.

Education sessions for shift workers in the use of the machines have been conducted by acting catering officer Eric Billington and his staff at the central kitchen, Yallourn.

Similar vending machines are in



Patrolman Jimmy Donnet tries out the new food vending machine.

use in other organisations such as Telecom, the Ford car assembly plant in Melbourne, hospitals and Esso.

The machines will be serviced by

Commission catering employees. Inquiries should be directed to the acting area services officer Charlie Carlton on 3633 or acting catering officer Eric Billington on 2431.



The Commission's clay target shooting team. BACK ROW, left to right: Noel Kingsley, Russell Brill, Steve Bartley, Peter McGregor. FRONT ROW, left to right: Alan Ainsworth, Jim Wood, Robert Nozawski, John Griffin.

## APM wins title

THE Commission's long-established hold on the clay target championship with APM has been lost.

For six years in succession the Commission has won the annual championship.

But in the latest competition the APM team took out the trophy winning by 125 targets to 115.

The high gun event award for the best score throughout the competition was shared by Russell Brill, a fitter at Loy Yang power station, and Marty Telehin of APM. Each scored 19 targets out of a possible 20.

The Commission's team comprised: Russell Brill; Steve Bartley of Gippsland Electricity Supply Region; Alan Ainsworth, a foreman with Morwell briquette and power fitters; John Griffin, an operator with the briquette factory; Robert Nosawski, a work programmer with planning and co-ordination department, Loy Yang; Noel Kingsley, a construction officer at Loy Yang; Jim Wood, an electrician at Hazelwood; and Peter McGregor, a boilermaker at Yallourn W.

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## BIG POWER LINE SPAN BY TEAM

AREA Lines group was faced with some unusual challenges while working on the proposed easement for the Morwell section of the Princes Freeway.

The task of relocating the power lines away from the freeway site was substantially completed before Christmas.

The last major work the group had to tackle before the easement was cleared of power lines involved a 240 metres span of the Morwell No 3A ash pond.

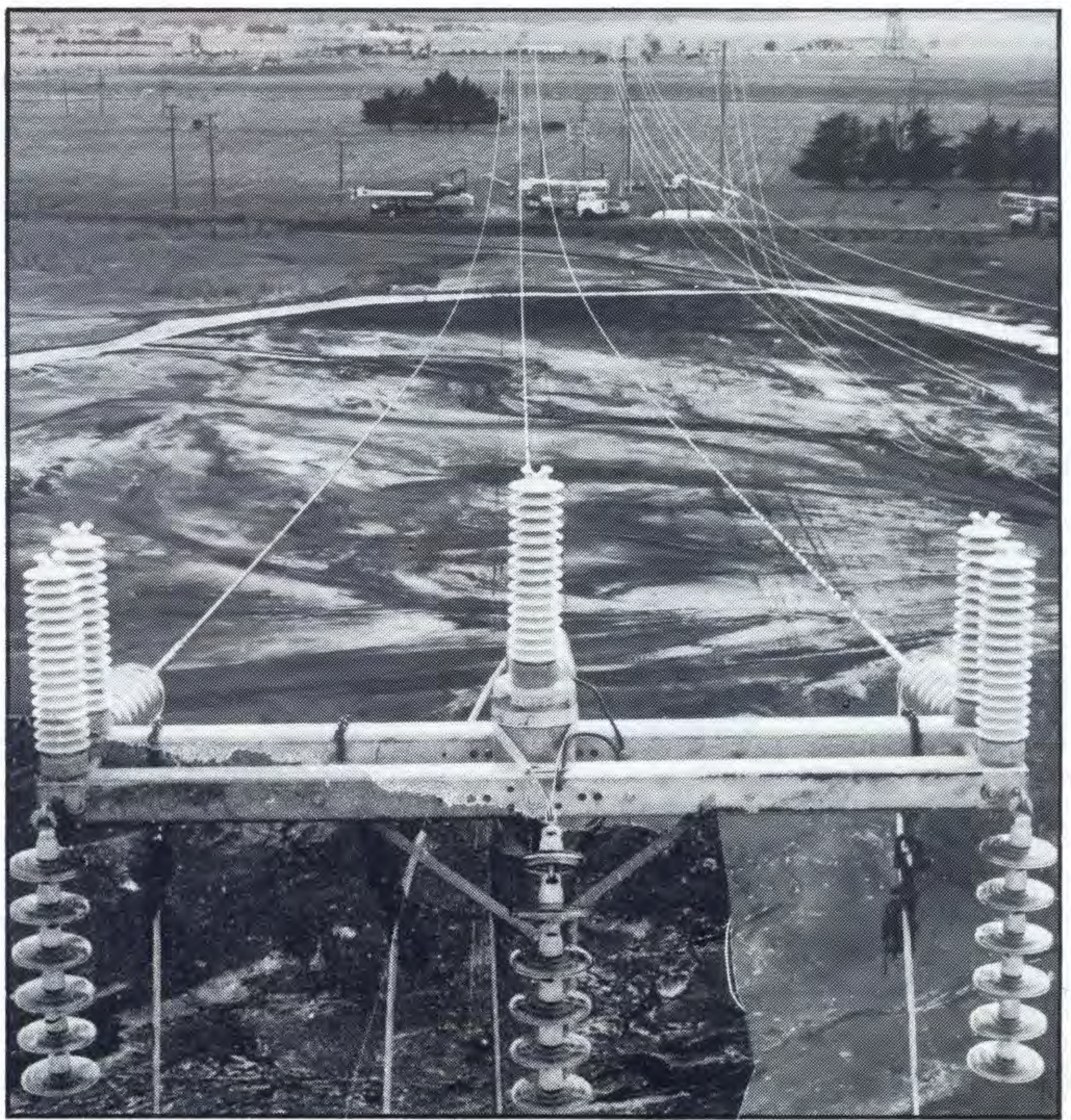
The relocation of two 22KV lines and two 66KV lines which take power to Leongatha and Yallourn from Morwell terminal station also involved cutting supply to V/Line while work was carried out.

Design work for the new route of the lines was undertaken by the Area Lines group with engineers, technical services officers, supervisors and survey having inputs.

"In fact, we were responsible for the entire job, from design and ordering of parts to construction work", said Lines Engineer Phil Taylor.

Another unusual feature of the work was the joining of forces between Area Lines gangs from Loy Yang, Morwell and Yallourn and the Electricity Supply Region.

On average about 15 linesmen



*A linesman's view of the new power line across the Morwell power station ash pond.*

from Area Lines were involved in the construction phase.

It is not the first time Area Lines has successfully bridged spans of more than 200 metres. Three river diversion projects in the Latrobe Valley involved similar spans.

To ensure adequate clearance of

the lines from the ash pond, 20 metre high poles were erected to support the wires rather than the average 15 metre high poles. A total of 90 poles was used on the new route.

A crane bucket was also used to lift linesmen high enough to work on the 240 metre span.

## Help provided in fire emergency

COMMISSION fire fighters have successfully completed a fire fighting mission in rugged north eastern Victoria bush country.

The Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands asked the Commission for manpower to help fight a major bush fire in the Macalister River area, one of a number which had



*Commission fire fighters who tackled a major bush fire in north eastern Victoria are pictured on their return to Yallourn.*

been started by lightning strikes.

The 22 Commission fire fighters had the task over two days of maintaining a fire break along an eight km front, using only hand tools.

Heavy fire fighting machinery could not be brought into the area because of its inaccessibility and the fire fighters had to be flown in each day by RAAF helicopter from a base at Rumpffs Flat, near Licola, where they were living in tents.

The team was made up of employees from the Yallourn nursery, Rural Services, and Fire Services, and worked 12 hour shifts. They were led by nursery foreman gardener Ken Hutchison.

He said: "Conditions were extremely difficult because of the very rugged and steep terrain but we achieved what we set out to do. The men worked very well. In that country you need fit men".

Immediately after their return to Yallourn the men were off for a well-earned rest and to be re-united with their families.

# NEW INTAKE REFLECTS CHANGING SCENE

NEW Commission Latrobe Valley apprentices are now well into their induction programs.

A total of 97 apprentices in 13 different trades, together with two cable joiner trainees began their training in January.

The intake maintains the number of apprentices in training with the Commission in the Latrobe Valley at about 1000.

General Manager, Production, Don Clark said the intake was some 25 per cent lower than last year, reflecting the changing scene for Commission activity in the Valley.

"After many years of steady growth, with corresponding increases in the number of people the SEC employs, we are now entering a period of consolidation", Mr Clark said.

"Our latest projections indicate that total workforce numbers will increase only slightly above their present level by the end of the decade.

"However, the SEC has a firm commitment to apprentice training to meet our future tradesmen requirements — the Commission is Victoria's and the Latrobe Valley's



*New fitting and turning apprentices Martin Tullett, left, and Troy Thomas examine samples of the work they will be undertaking.*

biggest employer of apprentices — and we will continue to review our training activity to ensure those needs are met."

The new apprentices have begun a three-month induction program which gives a basic introduction to the organisation and operation of the Commission as well as information on safety and the format of their training programs.

This program is designed to make the transition from school to the work environment as smooth as possible. It also provides an opportunity for the

apprentices to get to know their chosen trade before committing themselves to a four-year apprenticeship.

Mr Clark said the appointment of apprentices to tradesmen positions at the completion of training would depend on the number of vacancies at the time and their performance during their apprenticeships.

But, he said, the high standard of apprentice training provided by the SEC would equip them well to take full advantage of career opportunities both within the SEC and elsewhere.

## Intensive care for animals in trouble

CARING for sick and injured native animals is a 24 hours a day job for the Anders family.

Intensive care and an understanding of the animals' needs is important in preparing the animals for their return to the bush.

Wally Anders, who is a technical officer with Tests and Communications at Yallourn, his wife Ellen and daughters Karen and Jenny, run the Hazelwood South Wildlife Shelter and would like more people to know that the shelter exists.

The purpose of wildlife shelters is to raise or nurse native animals back to health and prepare them for their return to the wild. The shelters are registered with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Ellen said: "Usually people don't realise the urgency when they find an orphaned or injured animal. The first thing to do is to provide adequate warmth and not to attempt to feed the animal. Contact the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the nearest wildlife shelter or a vet as soon as possible".



*Karen Anders with a rosella being cared for at the shelter.*

The family has expanded its interest in looking after native animals since moving on to their bush block at Hazelwood South 18 months ago.

They say the surroundings help the animals to readjust to their natural environment before being released. As far as possible all animals are provided with natural food and conditions.

A tiny furless kangaroo is receiving intensive care in a lamb skin pouch which is placed in a box fitted with an automatic thermostat to simulate the conditions of its mother's pouch.

The joey is fed a special formula milk every 2½ hours.

Other demanding residents of the shelter are two wombats, a koala, a baby eastern rosella, a crimson rosella and a tawny frog-mouth owl.

## Clearing way for first steam

THE second of Loy Yang A power station's generating units got a little steamed up early this month.

Unit one, which is scheduled for commercial service early in winter — underwent a series of steam blowthroughs to rid pipework of any material which might have collected during construction and had not been removed by the previous acid clean.

Commissioning Manager Alan Whitaker said the steam blowthroughs for unit one involved a different technique to that used for unit two.

Steam was released to the atmosphere after it had passed through the pipework. For unit two a by-pass system enabled the steam to pass into the condenser.

Alan said: "This could be the last time we release steam into the atmosphere. It is an effective way of cleaning the pipework but it can be noisy and often leads to restrictions as to when blowthroughs can be carried out".

The by-pass to condenser method of cleaning the pipework is expected to be used for units three and four.

Completion of the blowthroughs enables final preparation for the release of first steam to the Siemens turbine to begin.

# WORKERS GIVE A BOOST TO APPEAL

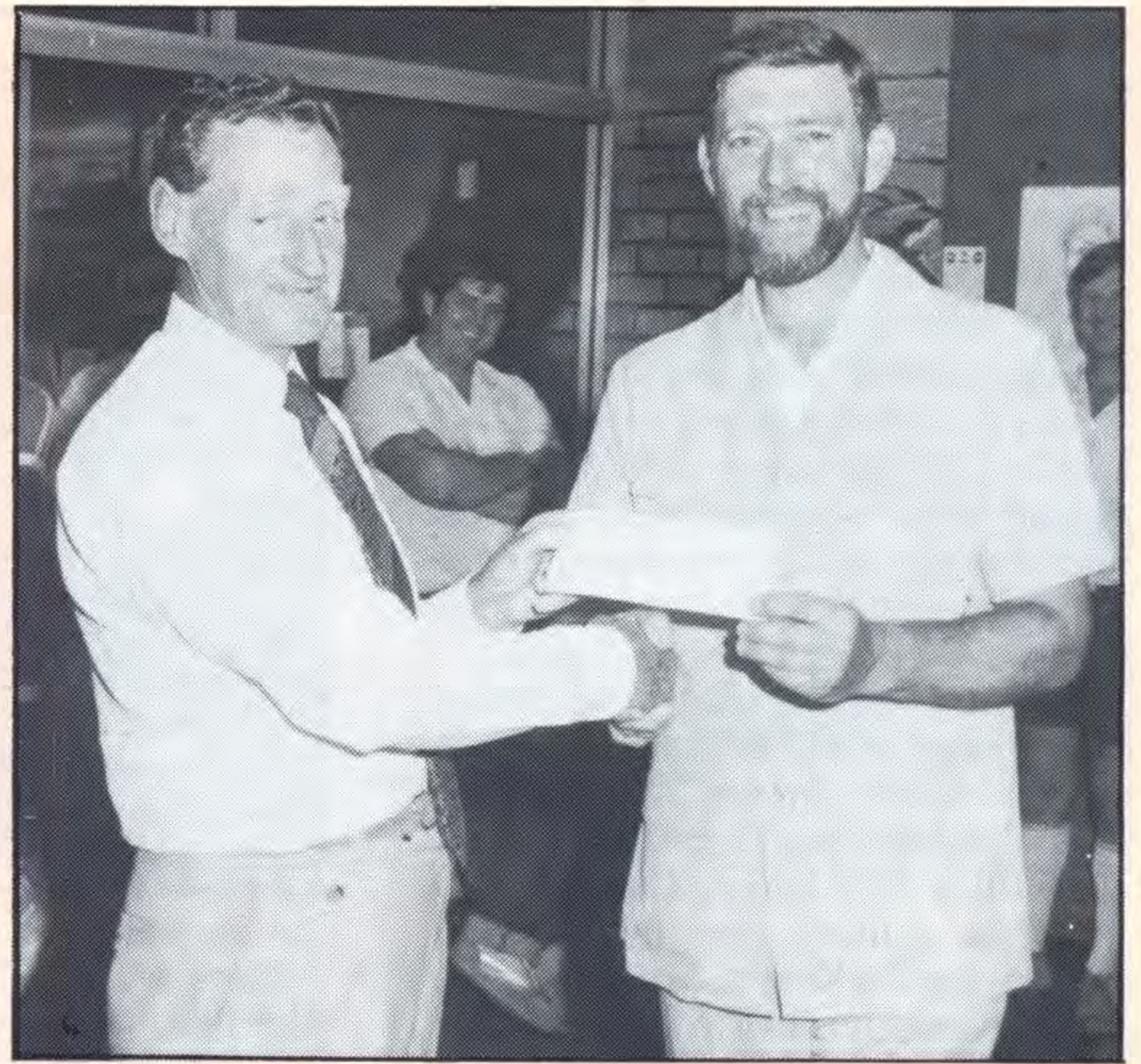
THE communications major projects subsection of Transmission Services has boosted the Mitchell House Hostel Appeal.

Employees in the section decided not to have a dinner to celebrate 250,000 man hours without a lost time injury, but to donate the \$240 cost of the dinner to the appeal.

The cheque was presented to appeal committee member Max Speedy by communications major projects engineer Stan Brown.

Max Speedy said that donations from the public were important in establishing the hostel as a community project. He said that about \$30,000 was still needed to meet the cost of the hostel, but the appeal committee was confident that the target could be met.

Stan Brown said that the safety record of the subsection was particularly creditable because it involved 17 workers employed on the Loy Yang construction project as well as 14 switchboard operators.



Stan Brown, left, presents the cheque to Max Speedy.

## Your assistance is still needed

THERE has been an encouraging response from Commission employees to the Mitchell House Hostel Appeal. However, the project still needs more support.

The Mitchell House Committee, which wants to build an elderly persons' hostel in Morwell, has already been successful in raising all but \$40,000 of the \$1.4 million cost of the project.

Help has come from the Federal and State Governments as well as from local councils and individuals.

But Federal funds are dependent on the full amount being raised by June of this year. Without those funds, the project cannot go ahead.

Employees who agree to donate a nominal amount from

their pay each week will be helping to assure the success of the project. Just 50 cents from each Commission employee in the Latrobe Valley would amount to \$5000 in a year.

There is a well-established need for the hostel in Morwell. At present an elderly person needing hostel accommodation has to be located some distance from the town.

Plans have already been drawn up for the hostel which would have accommodation for 38 people. Roads and preparatory works have been carried out on the Vary Street site.

The Mitchell House Committee has already built elderly people's units on the site and the Shire of Morwell is in the process of building a senior citizens' centre.

**COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM**

### MITCHELL HOUSE APPEAL

STAFF/WAGES

PAY WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENCE \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ GANG No \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER OR IDENTITY No \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorise an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be deducted

out of my  salary  wage

each  fortnight  week

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

SEND TO: PAYROLLS ACCOUNTANT, AREA ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, MORWELL

## GRAND FINALISTS

WE go back nearly 40 years with this photograph, right, supplied by Yallourn motor mechanic Tommy Oswald.

The team is the Yallourn Churches, grand finalists with Morwell in the Churches Team League in 1947.

Teams from Traralgon, Moe, Morwell Bridge and Morwell made up the league which ran for a few years after this picture was taken. The grand final was played at Yallourn No 2 oval.

Pictured, front, left to right: Bill Lawry, electrician, Yallourn open cut; Keith Squires; Arthur Webb; Kevin Green, Yallourn power station foreman; Mick Price and Tommy Oswald.

Middle: Arthur Lepar; the late Syd Collins; Gerald Knight; Jim Sheppard; Milton Kingsley; Billy White, fireman; Bill Farrington; Cliff Williamson and



Jimmy Watt, retired.

Back: Malcom Chamberlain; Gilbert McPhee, Tests and Communications; Claude Whitbourne, senior guide,

Public Relations; Mick Blackwood; Ken Passey, foreman, Yallourn instrument workshops; Mick Morrissey and Claude Hayes, (coach).

## Photographs that go back in time



WHEN the early photograph, left, was published in Contact several months ago, we asked readers if they knew where the photograph had been taken.



## ON THE BRIDGE

A number of explanations were offered but information from former Yallourn employee Mr J. McMahon seems particularly interesting.

Mr McMahon writes to say that during a New South Wales coal miners' strike in 1916, he believes the Melbourne City Council, in conjunction with the State Government Mines Department, opened up the disused Morwell open cut mine near the Latrobe River.

The Mines Department, with the assistance of the Public Works Department, restored the old mine bridge so that rail trucks could again use the bridge.

Mr McMahon, then a junior engineer, was sent to the mine to install generating plant and he believes the photograph shows the bridge restoration.

CAN you identify any of the students in the picture below of Yallourn High School pupils taken in about 1949 or 1950?

If you can, electrical apprentice instructor Peter Turner would like to hear from you.

The picture belongs to Peter, himself an ex-pupil of the school, and although he can recognise a few of the faces he would appreciate assistance in identifying more of them.

He can be contacted on 2746.



# Latrobe Valley fire service prepares to take on a rescue role

THE Commission's Latrobe Valley fire service is preparing to take on rescue work in addition to fire fighting.

Teams of firemen have been undertaking a week-long rescue exercise conducted by the Port of Melbourne emergency services.

The course included a simulated rescue in which sophisticated rescue techniques and equipment were used.

The first exercise was held at Yallourn No 2 slot bunker where a team of six firemen were assessed on emergency rescue techniques.

The exercise involved a car which had fallen down an embankment and rolled against a tree, trapping its two occupants. The car ended up on its roof and was on fire.

## Priorities

The priorities of the team were to put out the fire and get the injured occupants to hospital.

Jaws of life, hydraulic shears and air bags to right the vehicle were used in the simulated rescue.

Latrobe Valley fire services office Chris Salter said that groups of firemen



*Commission firemen in action at the scene of the simulated rescue at No 2 slot bunker, Yallourn.*

would take the week-long course in intensive rescue procedures and this would be followed by exercises reflecting conditions in the open cuts and power stations.

Chris added that a number of industrial rescue vehicles were to be supplied to the fire service to expand its capability to deal with rescues.

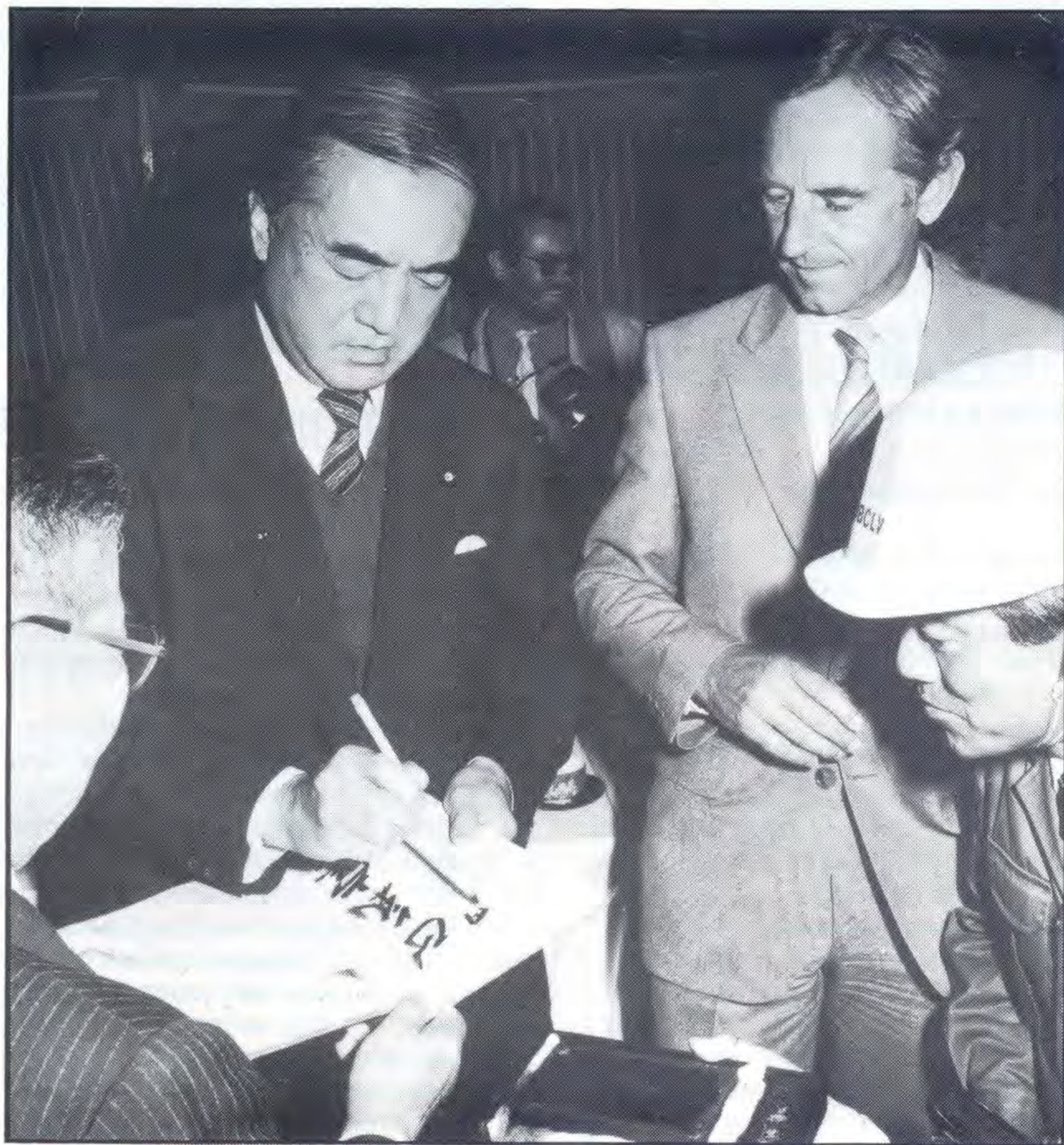
## Vehicles

The Ford F 350 four wheel drive vehicles will be specially built to carry

rescue equipment.

Chris said: "The main aim is that fire service should be able to respond to any kind of emergency. We will be working very closely with the operations auxiliary teams at each power station in the development of rescue training".

Chris added that the Commission's fire service would be able to assist the State Emergency Service in rescues outside the Commission as well as assisting in non-emergency incidents.



*Japanese Prime Minister Mr Nakasone signs the BCLV visitors' book — in Japanese of course — while Victorian Premier Mr John Cain looks on.*

## JAPANESE PM IMPRESSED BY COAL RESOURCES

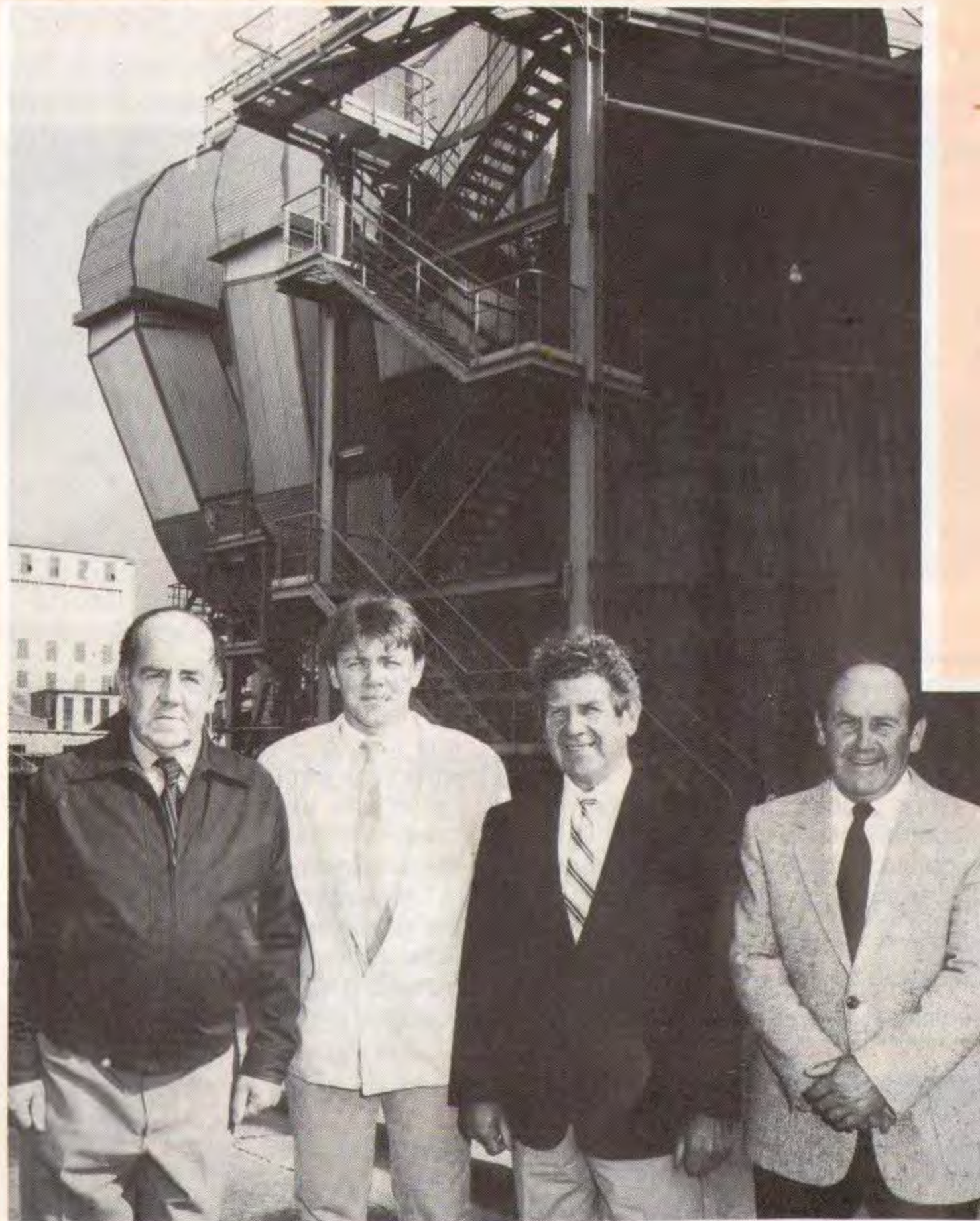
THE Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone, really got the feel of the Latrobe Valley's vast coal reserves last month.

At the visitors' vantage point overlooking the Morwell open cut, Mr Nakasone was shown a number of samples of different forms of brown coal.

Mr Nakasone also attended an official lunch at the Visitors' Centre in Morwell and visited the BCLV pilot plant during a one-day tour of the Latrobe Valley.

SEC Chairman Mr Charles Trethowan said Mr Nakasone's visit provided a valuable opportunity for him to see the sheer size of the brown coal resource.

"Mr Nakasone was impressed with the depth of coal and the ratio of coal to overburden, which makes the Latrobe Valley brown coal reserves so valuable", Mr Trethowan said.



The Wardley family, left to right: Ken, Neale, Roy and Alan have a total of more than 100 years' service with the Commission.

## Family connections

THE Wardley family can boast more than a century of service with the Commission.

Brothers Ken, Roy and Alan and Roy's son, Neale, have accumulated a total of 112 years' service.

Roy, who has 37 years' service, and is chemist-in-charge at Morwell briquette and power, started as a metal trades junior at Yallourn.

Alan, a unit attendant at Hazelwood power station, has 36 years' service. He began as an apprentice carpenter and joiner with Municipal at Yallourn.

Ken, a turbine driver at Yallourn power station, retired last month after 32 years. He started as a trades assistant.

### Newest recruit

The newest recruit is Neale Wardley, an electrical operations officer at Yallourn power station, who has seven years' service.

Roy Wardley said that the family had come from Inglewood near Bendigo because they had heard that there was work in the Latrobe Valley.

The brothers agreed that employment conditions were good with the Commission, compared with the timber cutting work in their home town.

Neale said that the family tradition could be continued if his young son, William, decided to follow a career with the Commission.

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



John Hutchinson: elected Vice President of the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education Council.



LEFT: Joe Metcalf, a distinguished record of voluntary welfare work.

## Calling it a day after 47 years

JOE Metcalfe, a mainstay of voluntary welfare work with Yallourn central workshops, has retired.

Joe's involvement with welfare work began in 1944 when he was appointed a member of the Yallourn workshops welfare organisation committee.

Over the years he has dealt with numerous individual requests for assistance on a wide variety of topics.

In 1978 he became the only person to be made a life member of the Yallourn workshops social and welfare club.

Retirement means that he will be able to take part in a popular annual social event which he was very much involved in starting — the annual workshops Christmas dinner for retired employees. The dinners began 27 years ago and are still going strong.

Joe joined the Commission 47 years ago as a lad laborer at Yallourn.

He became a fitter at Yallourn

workshops and in 1952 was the first engineering inspector appointed by the Commission in the Latrobe Valley. He held that post until retirement.

Two years after his involvement with welfare work began in 1944, Joe joined the Workshops Social Club. He was president of the welfare committee for seven years and secretary-manager for 27 years from 1951 to 1978. In that year the two organisations amalgamated and Joe was elected manager-secretary. He also worked for the Workshops Sick and Accident Society which provides a range of benefits to 1800 Commission members throughout the Latrobe Valley.

He was presented with a gold watch from the Commission and a camera from his workmates. Retirement means that Joe will have time for his interests of bowls — he is a keen member of the Moe Bowling Club — fishing, gardening and safaris.

## APPOINTED TO COUNCIL ROLE

MORWELL Production Centre Manager John Hutchinson has been elected vice president of the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education's Council.

The appointment will involve him in a wide variety of activities with the council, the governing body of the Institute.

John has been a member of the council for two years and is a member of the Institute's Graduates' Association. His second eldest son, Michael, graduated from the institute last year.

John was educated at the Yallourn Technical College, the forerunner of the institute, and graduated in engineering in 1956.

The post of vice president, which has a one-year term, will also involve deputising for the institute president, Councillor Sheila Ferguson.

John said: "I would like to see that all interested parties have their say in the way the institute should operate and to ensure that it fulfills the needs of the people of Gippsland to the fullest extent possible".

The Commission has had a long association with the institute council. Former Manager, Power Generation, Jack Robertson, was the inaugural Council president and a senior member of the Council until retiring recently.

Among numerous SEC managers who have had long associations with council committees are Bruce King, Yallourn Coal Production Superintendent, who has been a council member for about six years; Yallourn Production Centre Manager Jack Vines; Loy Yang A station Development Engineer Ladi Hoch; and General Manager, Design and Construction, George Bates.

## Farewell to chaplain Bruce



Farewelling the Reverend Bruce Burn, second left, are left to right: Reverend Canon Laurie Styles, director of the Inter-church Trade and Industry Mission; Reverend David Woodward; and Reverend Sid Sijbranda.

LOCAL church and welfare organisation leaders joined with Commission personnel to farewell industrial chaplain Reverend Bruce Burn recently.

For the past 10 years Bruce has been an industrial chaplain to the Commission's Latrobe Valley workforce and to employees of the Gippsland Electricity Supply Region.

During that time he counselled many individuals on problems ranging from domestic and financial difficulties to alcohol and work worries.

But Bruce was modest about his contribution. "They help themselves but you have to be a good listener", he said.

He added that although the nature of some of the problems had changed over the years, people remained basically the same.

He said he found that one of the most rewarding aspects of the job had been the development of personal relationships with people.

Bruce studied at the Church of Christ's Federal College in Glen Iris and served in Melbourne, Adelaide and overseas before moving to New Zealand as the church's home mission director.

He then became director of Lifeline on the Gold Coast for 5½ years.

Bruce will be moving to Melbourne where he will continue his work with the church.

He was presented with a pen and pencil set and a wallet of notes at the Commission send-off.





Commission personnel and film crew take a break during the making of the asbestos education film.

## ASBESTOS FILM MADE

"If this is asbestos, how do we get rid of it?"

That's the title of a new film made at Hazelwood power station just before Christmas for the Production Group of Departments' Asbestos Task Force.

The eight-minute video aims to show Commission employees the method of identifying asbestos and the recommended method of removal.

Written by contract insulation co-ordinator with Production Services Department, Geoff Foote, the film will be shown as part of a new asbestos education program which began early in the New Year.

The video, produced with the assistance of the TV8 Southern Cross Television organisation, features four Hazelwood power station workers.

They are chemist Kaye Stockdale, foreman Ray Moretti, fitter Lindsay Veal and trades assistant Brendan Newton.

Hazelwood power station manuals and training officer Frank Pye assisted in the production.

## Skill test aims to put motor cyclists on right road

MOTOR cycles are becoming a more popular form of transport for SEC workers.

The Road Traffic Authority in Morwell is offering motor cycle riding courses aimed at improving motor cyclists' proficiency and safety awareness.

Two courses are available — a nine hour one for those with no motor cycle riding experience and a six hour course for those with some off-road riding experience.

At the end of the course there is a riding skill test which is compulsory for those seeking a motor cycle learner permit.

The skill test has been introduced by the State Government following recommendations by a special committee set up to look at the motor cycle learner permit system.

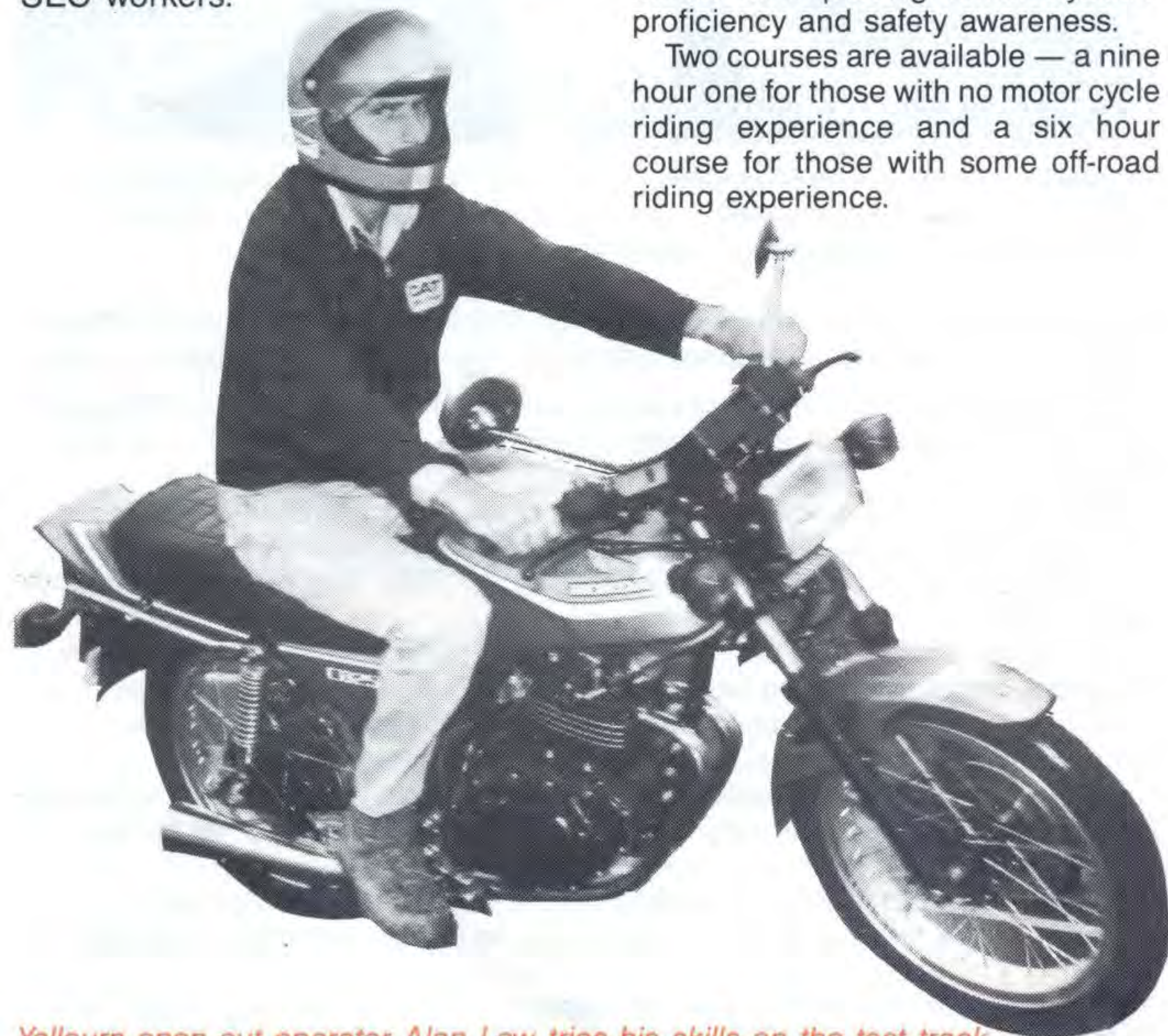
The test previously consisted of a written examination only. The new test also has two written road craft tests to be completed.

Anyone living within a 40 kilometre radius of Morwell wishing to obtain a motor cycle learner permit must take the test at the Morwell centre, which is one of the first to be established outside Melbourne.

The centre has a skill test track which is tarmaced and has road markings, kerbs and braking areas.

The RTA said that in America studies have shown that those who use this type of skill test track training have a better chance of avoiding road accidents. However, the inexperienced motor cyclist would still have a lot to learn, particularly how to cope with road traffic.

The courses are conducted at weekends and course fees range between \$30 and \$60.



Yallourn open cut operator Alan Law tries his skills on the test track.

## Field of 132

A FIELD of 132 took part in Morwell Briquette and Power Station's annual golf day, held at the Traralgon Golf Club.

A highlight of the day was a coaching clinic by the Royal Melbourne Golf Club's professional Bruce Green.

The main trophy winner was John Robertson, a shift overseer with the briquette factory, with a score of 43.

The A grade women's event was won by Joan Goldie, the men's secret nine event by Bob Bertrand, and the nearest the pin by Bruce Savige.

Organiser Lex Derham said that the golf day had established itself as one of the most popular golfing events.

Main sponsors were the Latrobe Valley Savings Credit Co-op, LV Tyre Services, HBA and Coca-Cola.



Checking their score cards at the Morwell briquette and power social club's annual golf day are, left to right: Joan Synott, Heather Duncan, caddy Rodney Norman, Joan Goldie and Gay Norman.

IT was Norm Giblett's day at the Civil Works annual golf day held at the Morwell Golf Club.

Norm, a leading hand plant operator with Civil Works, Yallourn, won both the Barry Richmond Memorial Trophy for the best score of the day — 41 points — and the 18 hole stableford trophy, which was won on count-back from Stan McConnell.

Representatives from Morwell, Yallourn, Hazelwood and Loy Yang Civil Works took part in the event.

Other scores were: nine holes out, Terry Stone, 20 points; nine holes in, Don Hiriart; secret nine, Bernie Smaniotto. The challenge shield event between Morwell and Yallourn was won by Yallourn.



Stan McConnell, left, presents trophies to Norm Giblett, second left, the major winner in the Civil Works golf day. Looking on are Paul Richmond and Michelle Bamford.

## Jane earns workshops title

### FOR SALE



Morwell electrical workshops engineer Ralph Harvey presents an award certificate to Jane Johnston.

AN impressive work record over the entire year earned Jane Johnston the title of Morwell Electrical Workshops' apprentice of the year.

Jane, a third year electrical fitter and armature winder, was presented with an award certificate and digital multimeter for measuring voltages and resistances.

The presentation was made by workshops engineer Ralph Harvey at a get-together of workshops employees.

The award was open to all Morwell electrical workshops' apprentices. It is the second year that the award has been made.

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Suzuki RM 80 in very good condition plus helmet and new boots. \$500 ono. Contact Joe Spiteri bh 73 6414, ah 27 5049.

Ford Cortina 1975 TD. 12 months rego. Good condition, brand new tyres. \$2600 ono. Diane Lake work: 3328; ah 34 1661.

## Triple championships bring in the players

THE sign tells it all as Yallourn North Bowls Club players line up to receive \$300 from the SEC Credit Co-op from Latrobe Valley manager John Hooper (second from right).

The money will pay for popular triples championships which are currently being run by the club.

The triples, which are played on Commission special days off, attract players from a number of other clubs in the area.

Club president is Ed Keating, patrol supervisor at Yallourn.



Pictured left to right are: Peter Lovison, Less Hogg, Gil Harker, Harry Horsley, Yallourn open cut loco driver; Brom Gompelman, a fitter and turner with Yallourn power station; Brian Downey, station assistant, Yallourn power station; John Hooper; and Frank Rooney, of environmental section, Production Services Department.

## SAFE WORK RECOGNISED

HAZELWOOD power station's technical services section has operated for 750,000 man hours without a lost time injury.

The section, which includes the chemical laboratory, instrument workshops, test and investigations and engineering support staff, achieved the safety record over a five year period.

Technical services engineer Mac Dent said: "The section is involved in a wide variety of work which can sometimes be hazardous and the safety record is a tribute to the safe working practices of section personnel".

Morwell Production Centre manager John Hutchinson presented the section with a safety award plaque at a function at the Visitor's Reception Centre.

FINANCE DIVISION Of Area Administration Department has chalked up 250,000 man hours without a lost time injury over a 12 month period. Area Administration Manager, Russell Cheffers, presented an award certificate to Chief Administrative Officer Jack Huxtable to mark the achievement.

WORK GROUPS from Morwell power station and the briquette factory have each received safety awards.

The briquette factory form grinders have completed seven and a half years without a lost time injury and the power station electrical maintenance section have achieved five years without a lost time injury.

ABOVE: Morwell Briquette and Power assistant power station superintendent Rod Bennett right, presents a safety award plaque to form grinders' safety representative Mike Bradley.



SEC CREDIT CO-OP

EACH year the SEC Credit Co-op grows a little more and 1985 looks like being no exception.

The exciting news for this month is that there is to be a new branch location for Traralgon which will allow the Credit Co-op to provide a significantly improved level of service to members.

The new Traralgon branch will open on February 25 at 14a Seymour Street and will feature a number of improvements on the current agency arrangement.

Perhaps the most important of these is the provision of the Co-op's own staff who will be better placed to answer inquiries regarding the services and operations available.

Members will also be pleased to learn that instant account balances, printed statements and cheques as well as travel brochures will be available. These services are in addition to those currently on offer such as bill paying, payroll deductions and the full range of savings, investment accounts and loan facilities.

Latrobe Valley Manager of the Credit Co-op Mr John Hooper said the new branch represented a substantial commitment in Traralgon on behalf of the Credit Co-op.

"We've had a couple of moves in recent years in this area in order to try and satisfy a steadily increasing demand", John said.

"We have found, however, that increased traffic flow has resulted in us outgrowing these locations in a fairly short period. The new branch in Seymour Street has ample capacity for growth and will provide the Credit Co-op with an effective base from which to offer a service for the foreseeable future."

The Credit Co-op agency at 20 Hotham Street will be closed after Saturday February 23. Members with inquiries can phone the Credit Co-op on (051) 34 1066. The new opening hours for Traralgon are:

Monday-Friday — 9.30 am-5.00 pm Saturday morning — 9.30 am-11.30 am

Phone (051) 74 9666

# Service Register

Commission staff and wages personnel who reached significant service milestones during January are included in the register

## 25 YEARS

Evan Bain  
Ron Bishop  
Frank Carter  
Gary Downs  
Paul Durr  
Bill Eddy  
Kevin Foote  
Arthur Kennedy  
Bruce Lawn  
Ray Male  
Peter Manicola  
Frank Miller  
John Nerrie  
Jim Polwarth  
Leon Rawlings  
Ron Wardley  
Ted Widdicombe  
Kevin Benson  
Ugo Celima  
Arthur Clegg  
Don Croydon  
Vince Farrugia  
Effi Gatt  
Joe Grima  
Dennis Hankin  
Chips McCafferty  
Don Mintern  
Colin Nash  
Bill Snow  
Kevin Summerton  
Peter Vasic  
Bob Whitmore  
Sam Zaffina

## 30 YEARS

Bob Baldwin  
Peter Butcher  
Len Coleman  
Vic Dickason  
Albert Downs  
Frank Hayne  
Ian Houston  
Lyn Leitch  
Alex McGregor  
Geoff Pattle  
Bernie Sheahan  
Jeff Slaon  
Brendan Smith  
Eric Warfe  
Barry Webster  
Doug Wood  
Merv Balchin  
Clem Delahunty  
Leo Malinan  
Wally Bushby  
Paul Farrugia  
Carl Gnauck  
Malcolm Paulet  
Oskar Quass  
Bill Stephens  
Ken White

## 31 YEARS

Mike Gregson  
John Lee  
Roly Ellis  
Ian Ipsen  
Laurie Culph  
Ken Flannigan  
Terry Glover  
Ian Graham  
Dick Lakeman  
Vic Scholes

Steve Rozvaczy  
Sergy Kuklinsky  
Paul Borg  
Norm Maskell  
Alister Thorpe

## 32 YEARS

Lionel Parry  
Keith Griffiths  
Barry Warrillow  
Neil Smith

## 33 YEARS

Barney Barrow  
Ron Key  
Bill Troy  
Bill Cordiner  
John Hargreaves  
Syd Smith  
Ken Lofts  
Hec Banks  
Les Darrington

Industrial Relations  
Loy Yang Open Cut  
Finance  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Finance  
Transmission Operations, LV  
Transmission Services, LV  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Industrial Relations  
Transmission Operations, LV  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Industrial Relations  
General Services  
Mining and Coal Plant  
Loy Yang A Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Open Cut  
Civil Works, Morwell  
Materials and Services  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Morwell Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Morwell Power Station  
Morwell Open Cut  
Mechanical Services  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Open Cut  
Mechanical Services  
Morwell Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station

General Services  
Finance  
Technical Services  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Electrical Workshop  
Yallourn Power Station  
Transport Workshops  
Finance  
Maintenance Co-ordination  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Morwell Power Station  
Electrical Workshops  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Mechanical Workshops  
Morwell Open Cut  
Maintenance Co-ordination  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Transmission Services, LV  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Civil Works, Morwell  
Yallourn Power Station  
Morwell Open Cut

Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Open Cut  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Finance Division  
Loy Yang A Power Station  
Drafting  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Loy Yang Project Construction Group  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Morwell Briquette Factory

Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Electrical Services Section  
Loy Yang A Power Station  
Technical Training

Transport Workshops  
Morwell Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Civil Services  
Yallourn Workshops  
Morwell Workshops  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Morwell Power Station

Ian Runge

Jack Draper  
Max Williamson  
Don McCasker  
Ron Walsh  
Harry Pegg  
Fred Rooney  
Allan Flanigan  
John Shaw

## 34 YEARS

Ron Brown  
Peter Parniak  
Jan Szustak  
Jim O'Keefe  
Ron Curtis  
Tom Davey  
Paul Pearson  
Keith King  
John Hansen  
Arthur Rozite

## 35 YEARS

Lance King  
Hugh Moore  
Alf Riches  
Noel Shears  
Lindsay Matthews  
Ron MacKenzie  
John Mussard  
Clive Williams  
Bert Rye  
Ian Collins  
Wally Lennon  
Bernie Owers  
Bill Matthews

## 36 YEARS

Doug Spinner  
Les Hibbert  
Ian McDonald  
Gavan Edmondson  
Don Clark  
Trevor Simberg  
Bill Adams

## 37 YEARS

Tom McKendry  
Stacy Petrauskas  
Joe Sestokas  
Keith Taylor  
Arnold Siinmaa  
Roy Wardley

## 38 YEARS

Laurie Shipp  
Allan Jenner  
Bill Martin  
Brian Baillie  
David Davies

Harold Hopkins  
Max Jack

## 39 YEARS

Fred Bathurst  
Tom Robinson  
George Jamieson  
Charlie Pearce

## 40 YEARS

Rick Crookes

Greg Stuart

## 41 YEARS

George Botten  
Stan Brown  
Bob Baxter

## 42 YEARS

Laurie Dalglish  
Jack Embry  
Arthur Hamilton

## 43 YEARS

Wally Andrews  
Brian Downey

## 44 YEARS

Ewen Cameron  
Vic Robinson  
Ray Cordell  
Syd Redman  
John Watt  
Rex Frost

## 45 YEARS

Syd Squires

## 47 YEARS

Joe Metcalf

## 48 YEARS

Kevin Watts  
John Irving

Loy Yang Production Centre  
Management  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Civil Services  
Occupational Health, Personnel  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Transport Workshops, Loy Yang

Maintenance Co-ordination  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Civil Services  
Civil Services  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Yallourn Open  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station

Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Technical Training  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Mechanical Services  
Civil Works, Morwell

Yallourn Power Station  
Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Transmission Operations Division  
Transmission Operations Division  
Production Group, Management  
Materials and Services  
Secretarial

Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Briquetting and Power

Production Services Department  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Mining and Coal Plant  
Yallourn Production Centre,  
Management  
Patrol, Secretarial  
Yallourn Workshops

Central Workshops, Morwell  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station

Headquarters, Engineering  
Services  
Loy Yang Open Cut

Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Transmission Operations Division  
Yallourn Open Cut

Central Workshops, Yallourn  
Mining and Coal Plant  
Morwell Briquetting and Power

Electrical Services Section  
Yallourn Power Station

Yallourn Open Cut  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Drafting  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Materials and Services  
Transmission Services Division

Hazelwood Power Station

Central Workshops, Yallourn

Central Workshops, Yallourn  
Morwell Briquetting and Power

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## 25 YEARS

Fred Cutts  
Karl Gruendler  
Bill Jones  
Jack Kane  
Gordon Whiteman  
Bert Dubowy  
Bill Meinhardt  
Bill Mercer  
Andrew Quigley  
Norm Richardson  
Ernie Seaborne  
Harry Smith  
Eldin Taylor  
Peter Xilas  
Ben Zidar  
Max Zygarlicki

Hazelwood Power Station  
Transmission Operations, LV  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Morwell Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Mechanical Services  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Yallourn Power Station  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Mechanical Services  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Loy Yang Open Cut

Slim Somerville  
Jim Samson  
George Krawec  
Rupe Bartley  
Jim Brown  
Frank Rooney  
Ron De Carli

Civil Works, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Stores, Yallourn  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Management, Power Generation  
Civil Works, Yallourn

## 30 YEARS

Jim Haley  
Ray Linton  
Peter Lovison  
Pat Renehan  
Nelson Smith  
Joe Virkki  
Bruno Bartolic  
John Edwards  
Volker Muth  
Allan Parr  
Graeme White

Occupational Health  
Yallourn Workshops  
Morwell Briquette Factory  
Civil Works, Morwell  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Power Station  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Materials and Services  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Morwell Open Cut

## 35 YEARS

Bill Shankland  
Max Ashton  
John Henderson  
Joe Smaniotto  
Mick Kuczer  
Iso Karleusa  
Keith Gibson  
Norm Rea  
Bert Ireland  
John Manicola  
Roy Brenton  
Jack Mullins  
Bruce Knight  
Doug Henry  
John Williamson

Yallourn Power Station  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Mechanical Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut Transport  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Occupational Health, Yallourn  
Tests and Communications  
Central Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut

## 31 YEARS

Campbell Gale  
Peter Griffiths  
Alan Cairns  
John Govers  
Frank Doderico

Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Yallourn Power Station  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Yallourn Power Station

## 36 YEARS

Ted Johnston  
Leo Donovan  
Goldie Stevens  
Eric Hornsby  
Servacios (Silver)  
Sabrinskas  
Stan Sowa  
Bruce Johnstone  
Bill McKendry  
Bruce Akers  
Brian Hill  
Charlie Wells

Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Mechanical Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station

Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Morwell Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Production Services  
Survey, Morwell  
Tests and Communications

## 32 YEARS

Don Richardson  
Alan Jenkins

Len Gaul  
John Fullwood  
Alf Bechaz  
Jock McGregor  
Barry Coad  
Graham Robinson  
Ross Simpson  
Graeme Guy  
Barney Sewell  
Jack Ray  
Cyril Hibbert  
Bob Scorse  
Reg Sanders  
Jack Briggs  
Allan Faith

Morwell Open Cut  
Transport Workshops,  
Management Yallourn  
Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Yallourn Power Station  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Hazelwood Power Station  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Civil Works, Yallourn  
Transmission Operations Division  
Transmission Operations Division  
Transmission Services Division  
Loy Yang A Construction Group  
Yallourn Power Station

## 37 YEARS

Chris Laird  
Ken Hewat  
Harold Young  
Jack Huxtable  
Ray Larkins

Production Services  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Yallourn W Power Station  
Finance Division  
Civil Works, Morwell

## 38 YEARS

Norm Boys  
Norm Harwood  
Cyril Morellato  
Eric Hanson  
Ron Wright  
Geoff Hanson  
Bob Meredith  
Ken Passey  
Maurie Blackwood

Mechanical Workshops, Morwell  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Yallourn Power Station  
Stores, Latrobe Valley  
Mechanical Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Power Station  
Mining and Coal Plant

## 39 YEARS

Bryan Moore  
Arthur Oxley

Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Production Services

## 41 YEARS

Wally Johnson  
Ian Hamilton  
Lawrey Porter

Yallourn Open Cut Maintenance  
Drafting  
Mechanical Workshops, Morwell

## 42 YEARS

Bill Robinson

Secretarial

## 43 YEARS

Ted Gannon  
Les Potter  
Dick Sagar  
Kevin Noy  
Jim Dyer

Transport Workshops, Yallourn  
Yallourn Open Cut  
Morwell Briquetting and Power  
Public Relations  
Civil Works, Morwell

## 34 YEARS

Kevin Lalor  
George Grivins

Hazelwood Power Station  
Apprentice Training  
Workshops, Electrical

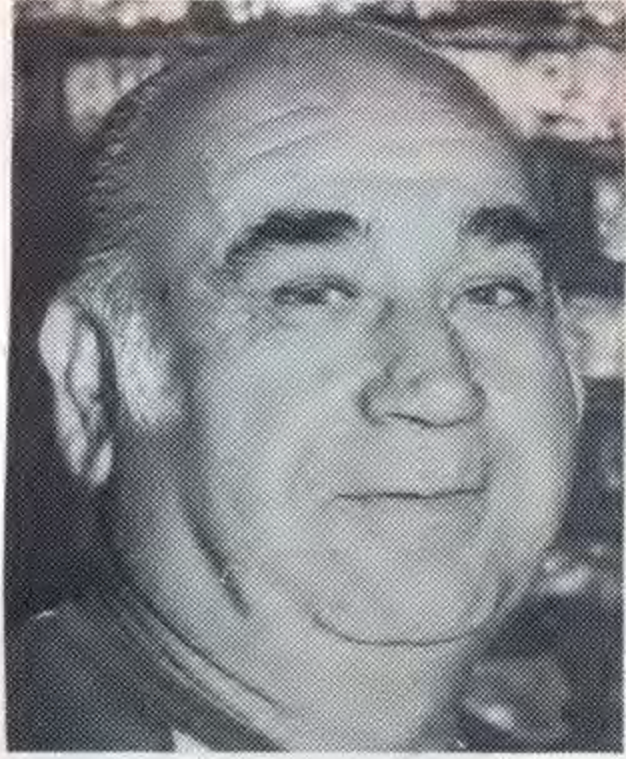
## 48 YEARS

Keith Lawrence

Mechanical Workshops, Yallourn



# retirements



Operator Anthony Schembri has retired from Yallourn open cut after 29 years' service. A keen gardener, Anthony has bought a block at McDonalds Creek. He also plans to visit Malta with his wife. His colleagues presented him with a landscape painting.



After 33 years' service with the Commission Lou Allatt has retired. He began as a bulldozer driver and retired as an operator with Yallourn open cut. A keen gardener and fisherman, he was presented with a seascape painting.



Gardening and fishing will be among the main interests of Joe Holliday who has retired after 20 years' service. Joe was a tool storeman at Hazelwood power station. His workmates presented him with a stereo radio cassette player at a farewell send-off.



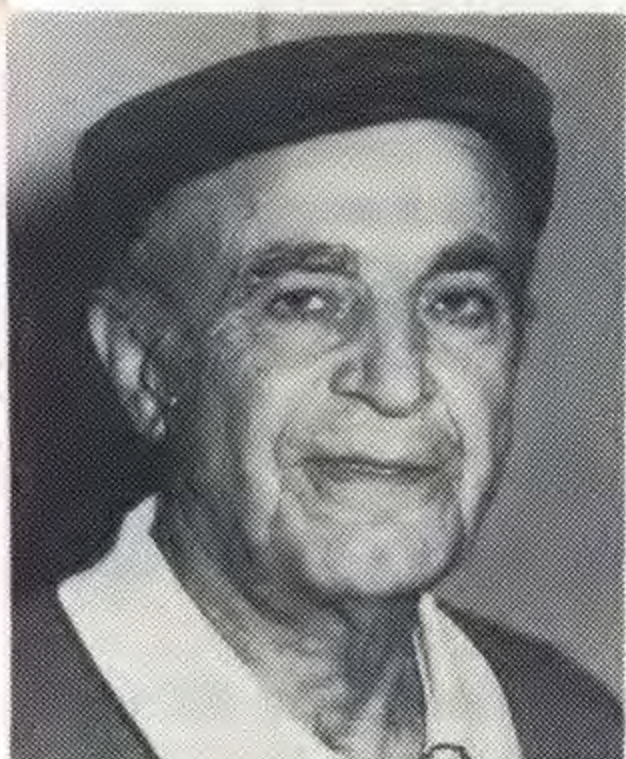
Colleagues presented Norm Spittal with an electric drill and a wallet of cash when he retired after 44 years. Norm retired as a foreman with Civil Works at Yallourn. He will be spending some of his time fishing and playing bowls.



Jim Kelly has retired from Yallourn open cut after 33 years. He joined the Commission as a trades assistant at Yallourn and retired as a technical services officer. He was presented with a wallet of notes by his colleagues. Touring Australia features among his retirement plans.



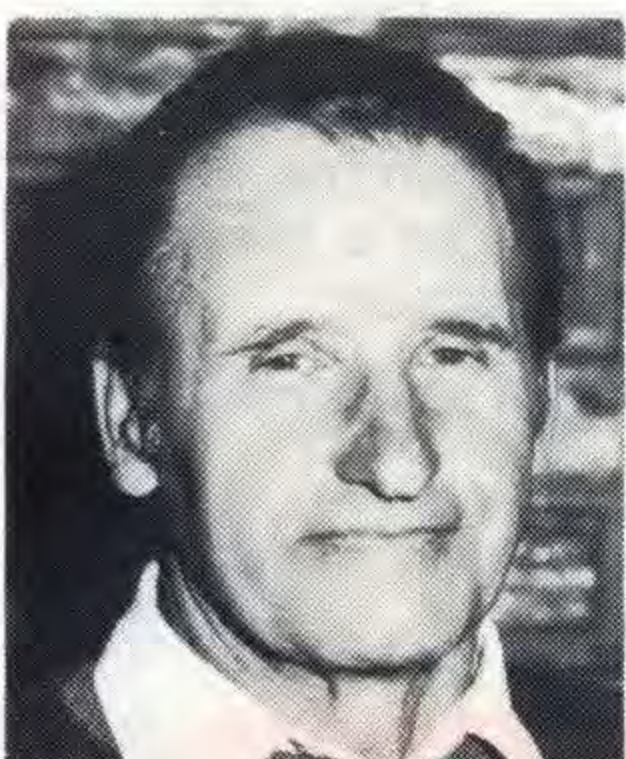
Jim Cook has retired after 44 years' service. He began as a laborer with Municipal at Yallourn and retired as a painter with Civil Works, Yallourn. Workmates presented him with a watch and a wallet of cash. Travelling is among his retirement plans.



The stereo portable radio presented to Frank Balzan by his workmates should be useful on his fishing trips. Frank started 34 years ago as a laborer with Yallourn open cut and retired as a trades assistant. He intends to visit relatives in Malta.



Following the fortunes of Carlton will be among Ron Martin's interests in retirement. He has retired as a foreman with Civil Works, Morwell after 12 years. Ron was presented with a mantle clock by his colleagues.



Fishing will be high on Michael Muc's list of interests now he has retired from the Commission and his workmates presented him with a rod and reel. Michael began as a laborer with Yallourn open cut 35 years ago and retired as an operator.



A trip to Italy was on the agenda for Mel Prezioso after he retired after 16 years' service. Mel, a builder's laborer with Civil Works, Morwell, was presented with luggage at a farewell function.

## Double gold in Games

A COMMISSION family is celebrating a double gold medal win in the Australia Games.

Una Holt won gold in both the triples and fours competitions. Una's husband, Eric, worked for the Commission 34 years, retiring as a construction supervisor at Yallourn.

Their daughter, Lorraine, was a bowls umpire in the games and is umpiring this month at the World Bowls titles being held at Reservoir.

Lorraine, who is president of the Gippsland Bowling Association, plays bowls at Moe with her husband, Lindsay, a technical services officer with Production Services Department.

Una, who has been playing bowls for 25 years, has played in State teams for the past 21 years, but this was the first time that she had been in the national team.



Una Holt proudly shows her Australian Games gold medals to daughter Lorraine.

Una said her team had played against leading teams from each State, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea

and had performed well. She said she enjoyed the competitive element in the game.

## Commission to the fore



At back: Suzanne Cassar and Melinda Davey. In front, Nigel and David Wilson.

COMMISSION personnel were to the fore in major indoor soccer championships in Canberra last month.

Coach of the Victorian State and Latrobe Valley regional teams was Hazelwood power station trainee unit attendant David Wilson.

Commercial officers Suzanne Cassar and Melinda Davey played in the Latrobe Valley team and Suzanne also captained the State side and David's brother, Nigel, acted as manager of both teams.

Also playing in the competition were Lillian Cassar, whose father, George, works at Morwell briquette and power; Lynda Vivian; daughter of Chris Vivian, a plant controller at Yallourn power station; Tina McGann, daughter of Loy Yang patrolman Val McGann; and Ann Bawden, daughter of Tom Bawden of Morwell open cut mechanical maintenance.

The championships were played at the Australian Institute of Sport over the Australia Day weekend with leading teams from New South Wales, South Australia, the ACT and Queensland.

Competition was keen with matches played for 12 minutes each way without a break. Although the State and Latrobe Valley teams did not make the finals, Suzanne Cassar and Ann Bawden have been selected for the Australian Women's All Age Team and Suzanne's brother, Mark, an apprentice electrical fitter at Morwell workshops, has been selected for the youth side.

It was the first time that Suzanne and Melinda had taken part in the national competitions. The sport has only been established in Victoria for a few years, whereas in New South Wales it has been going for about a decade.

David Wilson played in the men's State team last year but an ankle injury then has since kept him from playing.

Nigel, an engineering assistant with Loy Yang open cut, assists David with coaching at the Morwell YMCA as well as acting as manager.