

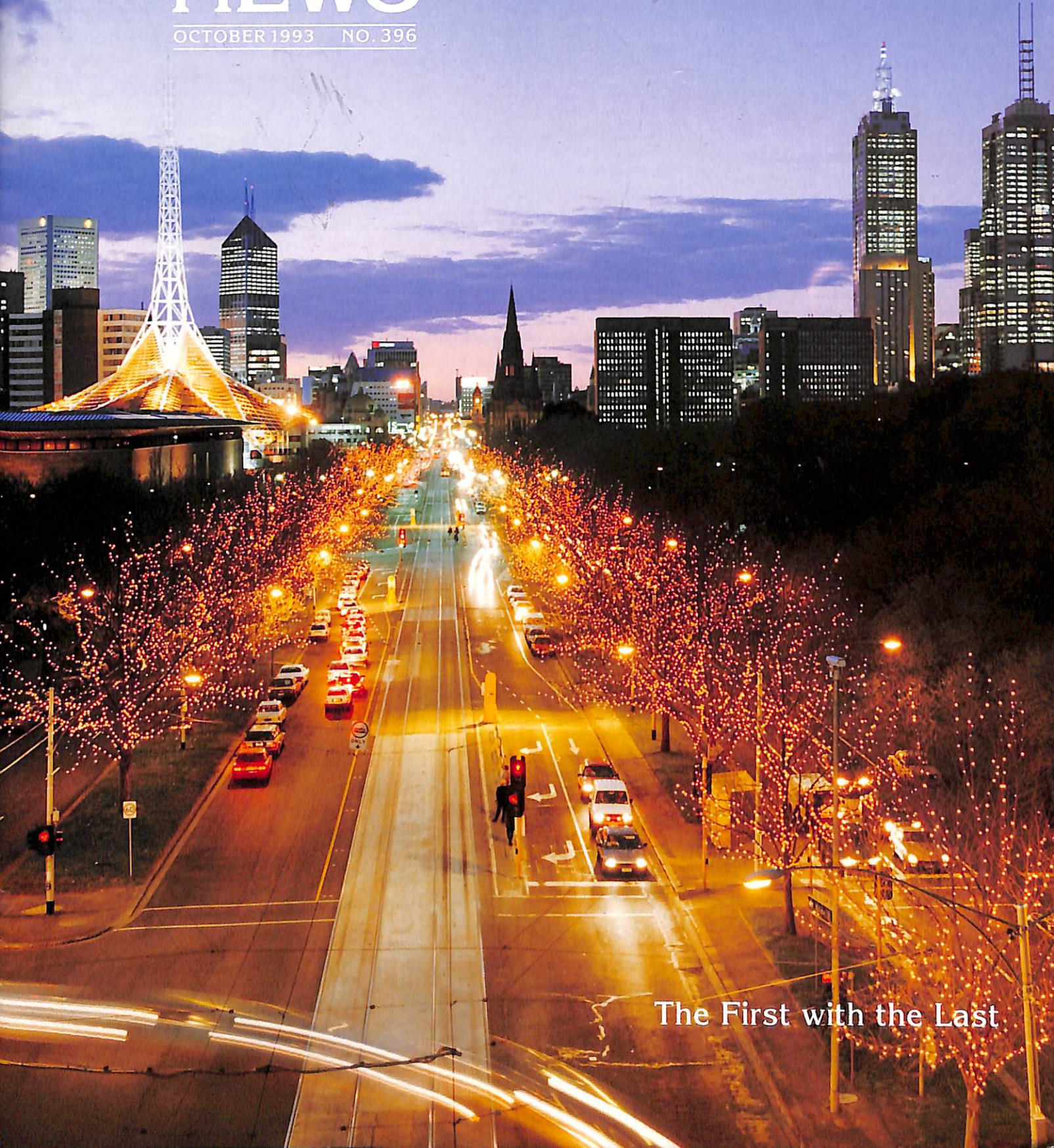
Final Edition



SEC

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The First with the Last

SEC News bows out

As those of you who have caught a glimpse of our front cover or some of the other articles in this edition will have realised, this is the last issue of the SEC News.

After 57 years the decision has been taken, reluctantly, to cease publishing the magazine, as it is felt it no longer has a place in Victoria's restructured electricity supply industry.

We hope this edition will be a special one. We have included features marking the 57 years of publication.

- Chief General Manager George Bates has been reading SEC News for the entire 42 years he has spent with the Commission, and he looks back at some of the major events reported by the magazine during this time. He also says he hopes the best traditions of the magazine will continue in staff publications being planned for the new businesses.

- Most of the centre pages are devoted to the changing face of SEC News since its first appearance in June 1936. Originally called the SEC Magazine, it has appeared in different shapes and sizes – and was a newspaper for a significant time.

- We have also included a newly printed copy of the very first edition. What a contrast between now and then? A "first and last" presentation is a fitting way for a quality in-house magazine to bow out.

In the very first edition of the SEC Magazine its mission statement of acquainting those in the Commission's service of matters of interest within the organisation was established.

While the last edition does contain a good deal of nostalgia, current matters of interest are reported – the opening of Dartmouth power station is one event. Regular features such as the Neighbour-

hood Watch column and Super News also appear. There are also two full pages of the Reader Service.

To borrow a popular slogan, we hope "there is something for everyone" in the last SEC News.

SEC Social League disbands

The SEC Social League, the umbrella group for the large number of social clubs within the SEC, ceased to exist from 1 October – the targeted date for the separation of the organisation.

At its final meeting the League proposed that the important role it has performed should be continued in each of the three new businesses.

Each of the three businesses has given commitments in principle for this.

The meeting recommended that each business should develop an umbrella organisation to provide funding to individual social clubs, and provide a means for clubs to co-operate and develop an organisational focus.

Clubs have been allocated between the new social leagues, which should develop their own structure and procedures to meet their individual needs and the needs of their clubs.

Because of the restructuring, some social clubs currently have members from more than one of the new businesses, but the meeting suggested a commonsense policy should prevail to deal with this difficulty.

The meeting said social clubs should identify primarily with the business to which most of their members belong. But employees from other businesses should be able to join the club if it is convenient for them to do so.

Those clubs which do not naturally relate to a particular business have been arbitrarily allocated.

Since many existing social functions are geographically based, it is recognised that there will be a need for co-ordination between the new social leagues.

Members wanting further information can contact Bryan Bool on Monash House extension 15011; or Jim Carlisle, Power Grid, on MH 11844; Frank Kennedy, Customer Services, MH 14030; Leo Ruschena, Production Group, on Morwell 3513.

Formal handover

Unit 1 of Loy Yang B was formally handed over to Mission Energy of the United States on the due date – 30 September.

Apart from being handed over on schedule, the project was also completed within budget. At the time of the handover a few minor tests had to be carried out before commissioning was complete.

Meanwhile, construction of Unit 2 is cur-

rently running some two months ahead of schedule. The generator stator and transformer have both been delivered to the station over recent months, and the turbine will be delivered next year.

At the present rate of progress, Unit 2 is expected to be operating at full load before the winter of 1996 – the scheduled date for its completion. This unit is due to be formally handed over to Mission on 30 September 1996.

Our cover

For the final issue of SEC News, we present a front cover depicting what will be a permanent reminder of the SEC. What a splendid photograph it makes too.

The SEC's gift to the City of Melbourne of bud lighting trees in St Kilda Road, between the Victorian Arts Centre and the Shrine, certainly enhances the appearance of one of the great boulevards and entrances to our fine city.

The project is one of a number of "community gifts" which have been provided in Melbourne, the Latrobe Valley and six provincial centres around Victoria to celebrate the SEC's 75th Anniversary.

They are permanent projects with one aim being to boost tourism.

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“Goodbye to an old friend” by CGM, George Bates

During times of major change, it is inevitable that somewhere along the way one has to say good bye to an old friend.



SEC News has been that old friend to many in the Commission – both past and present employees.

It is something most of us have looked forward to reading each month as we try to keep abreast of everything that is going on within the SEC.

While the activities and achievements of different groups have made interesting reading, it is the articles and information about people which probably have been the most popular.

SEC News and its predecessor the SEC Magazine have been reporting the activities of our organisation and its people for just over 57 years.

It's a proud achievement, and all those directly involved with its production over this time – the editors, writers, photographers, designers etc – can take credit for what has been a first class in-house magazine.

It has changed its face a number of times over the years but its aim – as established in the early editions – of acquainting “those in the Commission's service of matters of interest within the organisation”, was never lost sight of.

SEC News was unique in that it was not driven solely by senior management, and was a magazine which published articles about almost anyone who had an interesting story to tell. It certainly included stories that management wanted to be written about important SEC events, but there was always a bias towards the “people articles”.

In this way alone, it was the envy of many other organisations.

Here are just a few examples pulled from the back editions of the magazine.

JIM ASHCROFT, ONE OF THE PIONEERS, HAS RETIRED

• In October, 1964, there was a big article about the retirement of Jim Ashcroft in a regular section called “People In The

News”. His name will mean very little now to most SEC employees, but at that time Jim was known to thousands because of his role as Chief Instructor at what was then the Linesmen's School at Chadstone.

Last resident leaves Yallourn

• September, 1984, and the last resident of Yallourn township leaves. Ian McDonald, Assistant Chief Engineer, Transmission Operations, had lived in Yallourn for 33 years – and almost had the town very much to himself and his wife, Ella, in the final few years before moving.

Ken 'Possum Dundee' Jones

• A very small item about Monash House Transport Officer, Ken Jones, appeared in June 1988, after he helped rescue a young possum trapped between two walls in the garage. Because of the popularity of the Paul Hogan film, “Crocodile Dundee”, Ken became known as “Possum Dundee” for the article.

Of course, there were thousands and thousands more.

All the milestones in SEC history were recorded in the magazine. Again, here is a very tiny sample of just some of the events or achievements.

Works Tempo Quickens at Kiewa

• Hydro has always had an important place in Victoria's generation mix, and in the April-May 1954 edition there was good news for all those involved in the Kiewa project. Following a tour of the scheme by Members of the Victorian Parliament, the then Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings, Mr Galbally, talked of young engineers working there as “forgotten men”. He told Parliament: “I want to tell them tonight that from now on the work at Kiewa will go forward at increased tempo.”

SEC NOW SUPPLIES ONE MILLION CONSUMERS

• April 1964 – the SEC's millionth customer was connected to mains electricity. But with new connections simultaneously in progress – on the day electricity history was expected to occur – the actual customer had not been identified when SEC News went to press.

HAZELWOOD IS A GOING CONCERN

• October 1964, and Hazelwood's first 200,000 kilowatt generator went into regular service. It was the first of six due to go into operation at yearly intervals. The price of the project was put at 100 million pounds.

New businesses to serve customers

• Improving customer service has been a major direction of the SEC in recent years. The October 1991 edition announced the setting up of 18 self-supporting Customer Service Businesses across the State to help meet the challenges of a competitive national power industry.

Drama and controversy was also recorded.

“Newport must be built” - Minister

• The June 1976 edition featured a report to State Parliament of a speech by the Minister for Fuel and Power, Jim Balfour, in which he declared that “Newport must be built”. Many SEC employees will remember what a controversial issue it was.

Day and night battle to save open cut

• Who, among those involved, will forget the massive fire which began burning in the Morwell open cut on 4 November 1977? The SEC News headline “Day and night battle to save open cut” aptly described what went on. The SEC people who fought the fire prevented a potential disaster. The report talked of how the coal face looked like a volcano.

Unfortunately, there is not the space to mention more.

I can assure you the decision to discontinue SEC News was not taken quickly or lightly. However, times change and with the restructuring of the SEC, such a publication is obviously no longer appropriate.

It is hoped, however, that the best traditions of SEC News will continue in the new staff publications being planned for the new businesses.

I am sure this last edition of SEC News, and the reprint of the very first SEC Magazine, will become quite a collector's item.

75th Anniversary gifts

Community projects to celebrate the SEC's 75th Anniversary have been coming afloat all over Victoria in recent weeks.

Here are just two examples.

Floodlighting the south side of Flinders Street Station is one of the SEC's gifts to the City of Melbourne.

The other sides of the station had already been illuminated, but the south side had been left in the dark.

With the development of Southgate on the other side of the Yarra, there was a need

to light up the south side also and the SEC stepped in to make sure it happened.

This photograph was taken by Frances Hogan of the SEC's contract photographers, Industrial Images.

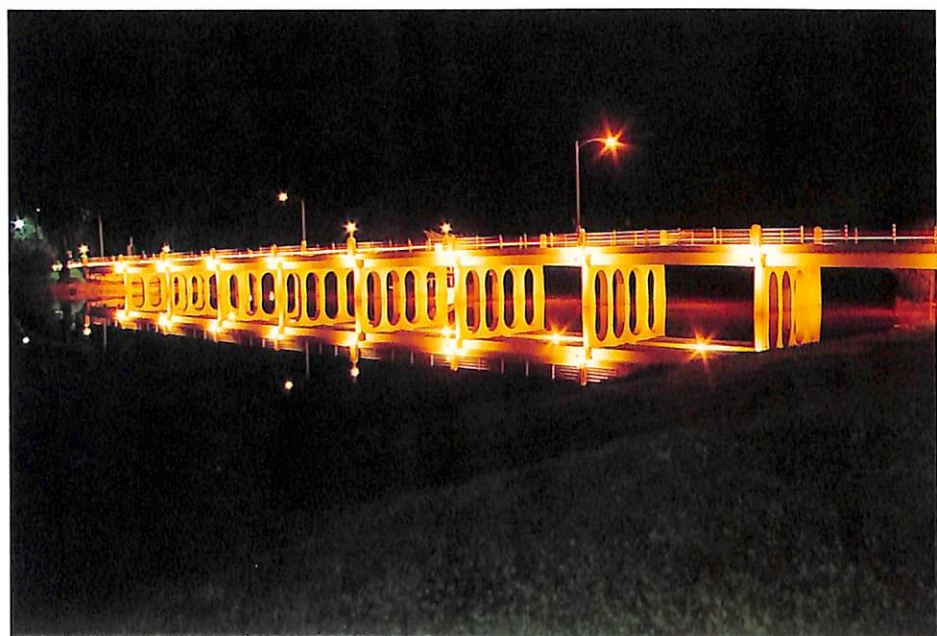
The other shot shows the main bridge at Benalla following the completion of the project to both floodlight it and restore period lighting.

This project was one of just six provided for Victorian provincial centres outside of the Latrobe Valley, and was officially switched on by Chief General Manager, George Bates, at the end of last month.

The Benalla bridge represents another era in the life and work of Sir John Monash. It was built in 1910 by Sir John's company, The Reinforced Concrete and Monier Pipe Construction Company, when pioneering the use of reinforced concrete.

The bridge has changed little since although it was widened during the 1930s. It carried Hume Highway traffic until the freeway was completed.

This shot was taken by local Benalla photographer, Dennis Hayes.



SEC sponsorship blooms

What a display! More than 6000 white alyssum and parsley plants are blooming in the Linlithgow flower bed opposite Victoria Barracks on St Kilda Road.

They have been quietly growing since July. Now, in time for Neighbourhood Watch week, which begins on October 23, we can see the design – the logos of the SEC and Neighbourhood Watch with the sponsorship slogan: SECuring Victoria Together.

The design required five gardeners to plant it and requires three to maintain it.

Laurie Morgan, maintenance supervisor of the bed for the Melbourne City Council, found the display one of the most difficult he had attempted since he began designing the bed in 1981. The reason? It isn't easy finding plants that will grow through Melbourne's winter.

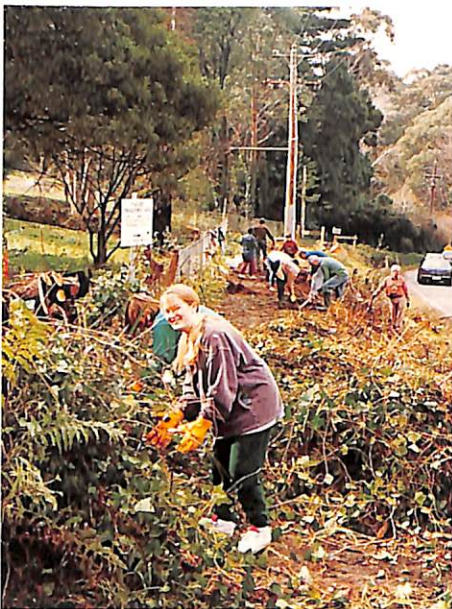


SEC initiates attack on weeds

Environmental weeds which threaten the Dandenong Ranges forest areas will be removed in a trial project initiated by the SEC.

The project will involve the removal of the weeds and their replacement with indigenous plants along a 200 metre section of road reserve on the Mt Dandenong Tourist Road near the Sherbrooke Community School.

Also involved in the project are the Shire of Sherbrooke, VicRoads, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,



▲ Volunteer, Rachael Christie, helps remove ground cover weeds.

community environmental groups and the Sherbrooke Community School.

Environmental weeds are trees, shrubs and grasses which take over local vegetation when they are introduced into a new environment.

These weeds – including sycamore, holly, onion weed and blackberry – are spreading at an alarming rate through the forests of the Dandenong Ranges, according to project co-ordinator, Glenn Gibson, who is Construction Manager with the Mountain District CSB.

Glenn said previous attempts to combat the growing problem had often been frustrated by community misunderstanding of the weeds which are often very attractive and which continue to be planted and nurtured throughout the Dandenong Ranges.

He said community opposition had forced the SEC to trim rather than remove weeds growing near its powerlines.

Many of these weeds are fast-growing and this has meant high tree-trimming costs for the SEC.

Glenn hopes that by joining forces with the Shire of Sherbrooke and community environmental groups, it will be possible to educate the community about the hazard which these weeds pose to the natural beauty of the area.

Work began on the project in early August with the removal of the larger trees by the Mountain district CSB.

Volunteers then removed the understory weeds and the area is being replanted with indigenous plants supplied by the Shire of Sherbrooke.

It is hoped that the combination of the SEC's resources and the influence of the environmental groups will ensure the project's success and establish an on-going relationship with the local community.



▲ Helen Wositzky, from environmental group "Friends of Sassafras" oversees the planting of the first replacement tree by Sherbrooke Community School students Ujval Gobel (left), Craig Bird and Ben Davidson.

SEC receives police plaque

The Victoria Police's Spectrum Taskforce recently recognised the assistance of the SEC with the presentation of a plaque.

Head of the Spectrum Task Force, Detective Inspector David Sprague, presented the plaque to Peter Kalman, Operations Manager, Central Area Power Grid.

The Spectrum Taskforce was established to investigate the abduction and murder of Karmein Chan and other similar child abductions.

The plaque recognises the SEC's assistance and co-operation in this investigation.

In a letter accompanying the plaque, Detective Inspector Sprague said the SEC had been an invaluable avenue of support to the Victoria Police and, in particular, to the Spectrum Task Force.

He expressed his appreciation for the assistance of all SEC employees during

the long and protracted investigation.

Peter said the SEC had co-operated fully with the Taskforce in its efforts to find Karmein's murderer.

He said the SEC, through its sponsorship of Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers, worked closely with the Victoria Police and was always willing to co-operate in any way possible.

"Our involvement with Spectrum was an extension of our current arrangements with Victoria Police," he said.



▲ Detective Inspector David Sprague presents the plaque to Peter Kalman.

Dartmouth is back in service

After almost a total rebuild costing \$29 million, the Dartmouth power station is back in service.

Victoria's Energy Minister Jim Plowman officially recommissioned the SEC's largest single hydro unit during a ceremony at the station on 24 September.

As every SEC employee would know, the station went out of service late on 2 May 1990, when two steel girders from a hoist house at the top of the Dartmouth Dam became dislodged and entered the station's turbine.

The catastrophic chain of events which followed meant the station went from full load electricity generation to a shuddering stop in a just a few seconds.

In his speech at the recommissioning, Chief General Manager, George Bates, said the power station looked a great deal different than how it appeared when he made a tour of inspection just hours after the accident.

"I can still vividly recall the scenes of utter devastation when we arrived. A great deal of the place was underwater, there was oil everywhere, concrete beams were broken and the floor had lifted.

"The place was so unsafe, a full inspection of the damage was impossible," said George.

Rebuilding the power station was a massive task. Firstly, it took some three months to make it safe for rebuilding operations to start.

Then the power station was dismantled. Undamaged equipment had to be removed and stored. For instance the generator stator and rotor, each weighing 245 tonnes, were lifted out and stored in a humidity controlled building, which had to be built.

Some 6000 tonnes of concrete and steel were also removed.

Six contractors were involved in recommissioning the power station.

In his speech, George Bates praised the work of all of those who had been involved with the recommissioning, both SEC and the contractors.

He particularly singled out Power Grid's Manager for Design and Projects, Rob McConchie, who "will go down in history as the man who built the Dartmouth power station – twice".

Rob was resident engineer during most of the time the power station was under construction in the late 1970s, and then became project manager for the rebuild.

Minister Jim Plowman said the disaster which befell the station was catastrophic for the station and extremely serious for the SEC.

"Here was their newest and most important hydro station utterly devastated and unexpectedly destroyed.

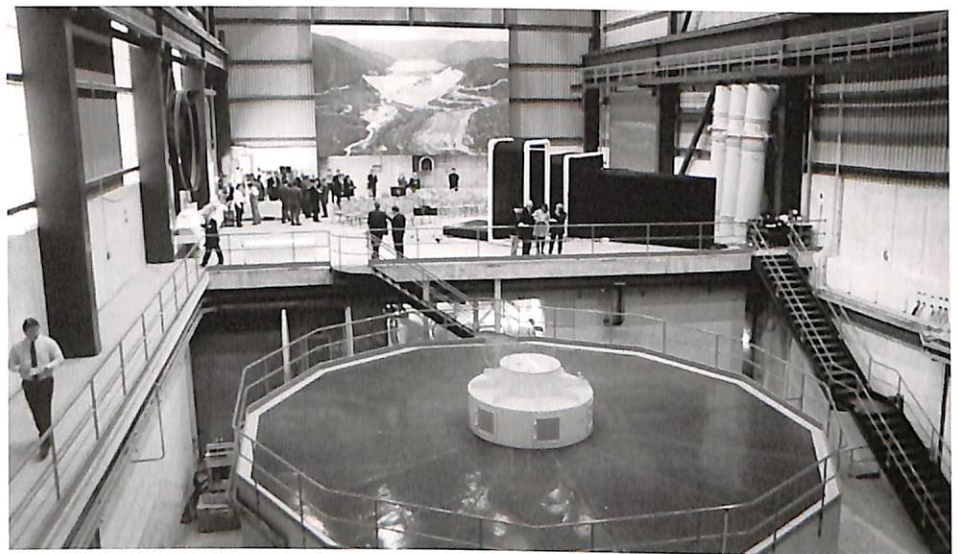
"I can well understand the dismay throughout the organisation that the disaster caused at the time, but in a manner typical

of its history the SEC and its people, after assessing the damage, immediately set about the enormous task first of clearing the debris of thousands of tonnes of reinforced concrete and destroyed or damaged equipment, then set about the enormous task of rebuilding.

"The fruits of their labours and their engineering excellence are all here for us to see today, and Victorians can be justly proud of the capacity and resilience of this great organisation which has enabled it to face up to the challenges and disasters over the past 75 years," he said.



▲ General Manager Power Grid, Tony Wilson, and Victoria's Energy Minister, Jim Plowman.



▲ Inside Dartmouth power station on the day it was officially recommissioned.

Glen receives Apex life membership

Edenhope linesman, Glen Henderson, was recently rewarded for his service to Apex with a life membership.

Glen received the surprise award at his 40th birthday celebrations at the Edenhope Race Club.

Glen has been a member of the Edenhope Apex Club for nine years and has served on various Zone and State Boards.

He also served as the Victorian President during 1991-92.

The current Victorian President of Apex, Peter Bailey, presented Glen with his award.

Peter described Glen as an inspiration to all State Board members.

He said Glen was a grassroots Apexian who always had the best interest of Apex at heart.

Peter also thanked Glen's wife Helen for the support she had given Glen over the past nine years.

Fellow Apexians from all over Victoria attended the party and presentation.

▶ Victorian President, Peter Bailey, presents Glen with his life membership.



SEC News – keeping the community informed

For more than 57 years, SEC News has spanned the geographical and technical divides which separate the SEC community

Launched in June 1936 as the SEC Magazine, the publication has recorded the highs and lows of the SEC and the individuals who comprise it.

The object of the publication, which appeared on the first page of the early editions was simply "to acquaint those in the Commission's service of matters of interest within the organisation".

Through the years, as technology has advanced and social attitudes changed, SEC News has adopted a variety of formats but this original object has remained its guiding light.

The first editions recorded the many achievements and endeavours of SEC personnel as well as providing a forum for the various clubs and societies to share their activities with the wider SEC community.

Photographic competitions were a popular feature.

The original cover design, depicting the production, transmission and diverse uses of electricity was used until 1941.

The SEC Magazine was originally published at the beginning of each month, but throughout the years it has not always appeared so regularly.

During the War years, as paper and other resources became increasingly scarce, editions became irregular and the quality deteriorated.

For instance only five editions were published in 1941 – in January, February, April, August and December. Bumper issues they were too – containing more than 50 pages.

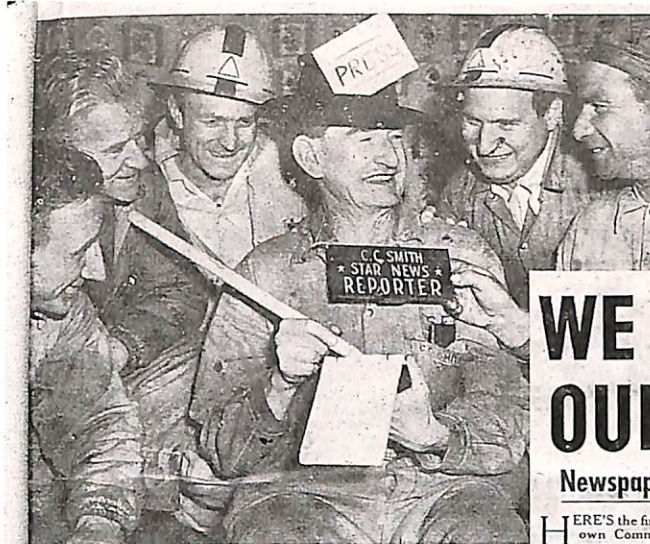
After the War, the publication received a facelift. More photos were introduced and regular editions resumed once again – this time appearing every second month.

A new cover design was introduced in December 1952 featuring black and white photographs highlighting the achievements of SEC personnel and other special occasions, such as the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

In July 1959, the publication underwent a major revamp, abandoning its magazine format in favour of a newspaper format. Its appearance was similar to that of the Melbourne Sun News-Pictorial.

To reflect the new focus of the publication, its name was also changed and the SEC News was born.

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WE CHANGE OUR STYLE

Newspaper replaces magazine

HERE'S the first issue of a brand new publication – your own Commission newspaper. It will come to you every month from now on. We hope you will like it.

The aim is to give you a lively newspaper with all the month's news, topical pictures and interesting, up-to-the-minute articles about S.E.C. affairs and people.

The S.E.C. News replaces our Magazine, which has been something of an institution for the past 23 years, and has enjoyed a high reputation among publications of its class.

No doubt there will be many who will regret the end of the S.E.C. Magazine – but we must move with the times.

More up-to-date
 The newspaper style has been widely adopted by large and progressive organisations because a newspaper can be published more quickly and more frequently than a magazine.

There is another good reason for making the change in these busy days, with increasing demands upon everybody's time by a multi-

tasked world. A man working on the bangs in remote areas should receive their copies not later than the day after publication.

While the editorial staff in Melbourne will spare no effort to give you a truly live newspaper, success will come only if we have the co-operation of everybody in the service.

We can give you the news only if you in turn keep us fully up-to-date with everything newsworthy at your different locations – if possible before it actually happens!

The system of local correspondents has to be greatly widened and the staff in every section of the Commission.

You will shortly be advised of the name of your local correspondent. Will you help by filling out a questionnaire or writing a picture that comes to your notice?

We shall be interested to know how you can help us to help us make the best possible newspaper. So drop us a line!

The Editor, SEC News, Publicity Branch, Head Office, State Electricity Commission of Victoria, Melbourne.

NEW SNOWY POWER LINK – Special pictures, centre pages

Getting ready for start of Morwell

Busy people in the Commission today are the Fuel Supply Manager, Mr W. B. ("Bill") Ballard, and his band of enthusiasts – the briquette sales staff.

With the opening of the new briquette works at Morwell now only a few weeks ahead, they are working at top pressure for a great increase in briquette sales.

"Briquettes will accelerate Victoria's industrial expansion and improve general living standards," Mr Ballard states.

A comprehensive series of campaigns, including many of the campaign cover-factories and numerous television and radio are being held weekly.

Briquette Advisory Board research and development centre has been established at Horsham to test the best means of using briquettes in motor and industrial applications.

The research centre has already evolved means of burning a briquette fire in a motor car.

A branch of this Advisory Centre will be set up at the Homebush Exhibition in Sydney.

A mobile advisory unit will be built and will visit country towns and housing estates.

Experiments in progress may enable briquettes to be delivered ready-packed to the consumer.

Already briquette hot water services have been installed in 1500 houses, and the installation rate is rapidly increasing.

By 1962 domestic briquette sales are expected to average half a million tons a year—three times today's figure.

Industrial briquette sales are expected to reach 1.2 million tons a year—three times today's figure.

Newport newshounds on the job

Turbine-room men at Newport Power Station claim their overhead-erase drive for SEC News.

They showed their confidence by giving him this "14-carrot gold" badge and an eraser.

Also pictured are Charlie Elsom, Head Writer, George Zammit, Lou Ciera and Don Silverstein.

The centre has attracted a constant stream of architects, engineers and manufacturers of appliances.

Manufacturers themselves have already developed a number of briquette appliances—many of which combined central heating and hot water units.

Overseas experts who have visited Victoria to study its industrial potential have emphasised that State's good fortune in having such excellent fuel available locally.

Sales expansion has improved big extra demands on the briquette department. They have responded with the greatest enthusiasm.

Four tons a minute

In four years' time the combined briquette output of Mt. Yallourn and Morwell will average about four tons a minute, built and packed to fill 200 Victorian Railway trucks every 24 hours.

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Although the SEC Magazine had been around since 1936, everything changed in July 1959 – the SEC got its own newspaper and the name SEC News was born.

RECORD PEAK LOAD: SYSTEM TOPS 1220 MW

Two mornings of severe frost this month caused new record peak loads on the State-wide generating system.

On Thursday, July 9, shortly before 8.30 a.m. demand rose to 1,182,000 kilowatts, compared with the previous record of 1,162,000 kilowatts in July last year.

The following morning the demand soared still higher to a new all-time record of 1,220,000 kilowatts.

On each day the demand was met by buying 16,000 kilowatts from New South Wales.

Although the Commission had all plant throughout its system available, and was running some on overload, there was still insufficient margin to meet normal operating contingencies.

Good maintenance
 It is impossible always to expect 100 per cent availability of plant. Some of this plant, however, should already have been taken out of service.

Under these difficult operating conditions, much depended on the continued high quality of S.E.C. maintenance.

The revamped SEC News was published every four weeks and social gossip gave way to news of SEC projects and achievements.

During the past 57 years a number of regular features have come and gone from the pages of SEC News.

Comic strips advocating safe work practices were introduced in 1969 and Kevin Heinz contributed a gardening column for many years.

"People and Places" provided a pictorial record of the activities of SEC personnel around Victoria and who could forget the "Bird of the Month" – a popular feature at

the time but certainly unacceptable today. The magazine format reappeared in 1969, however, news continued to provide the magazine's focus.

Never let it be said that the SEC News did not keep pace with new technology, and since July, 1983 colour photographs have regularly graced the front page.

Not only has SEC News fulfilled its founding object of binding together the SEC community, it also provides a colourful record of the growth and achievements of the SEC during the past 57 years.

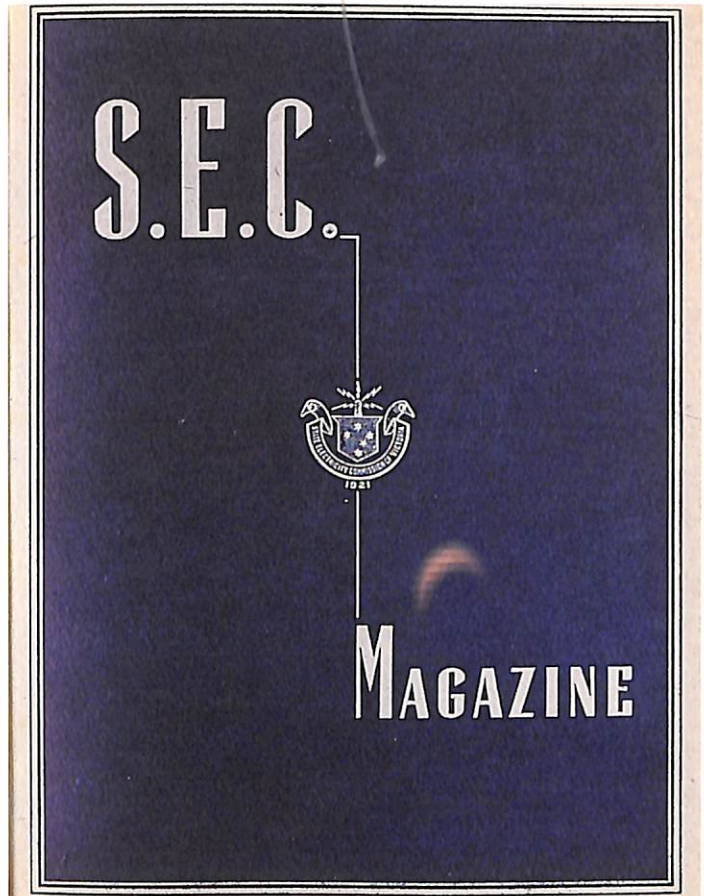
The changing face of SEC News

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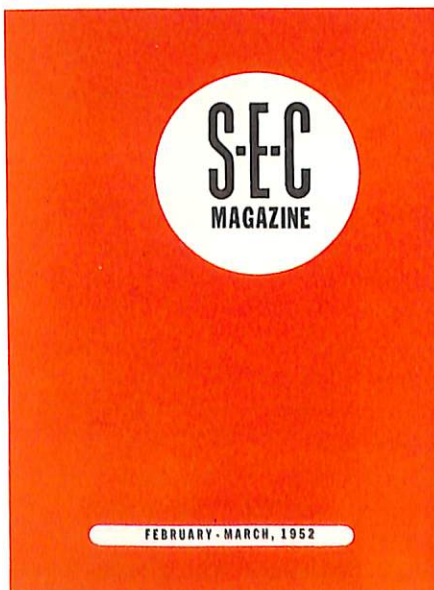
▲ For the first few years of its existence, the then SEC Magazine featured this front cover depicting many aspects of electricity production, transmission and usage.

APRIL 1941



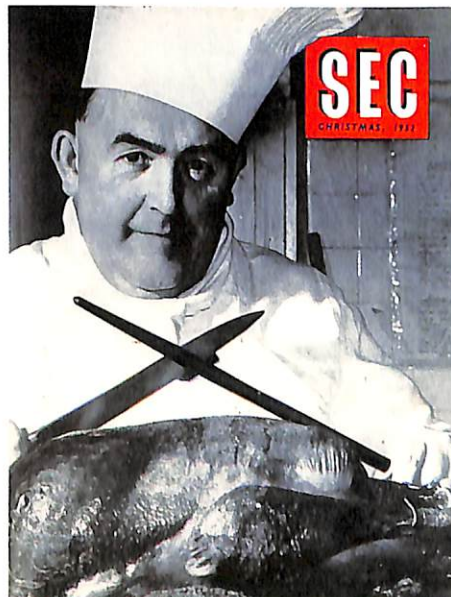
▲ The SEC Magazine adopts "battle dress" as the War continues and paper rationing regulations commence.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1952



▲ The simple cover is retained - although the cover changed from black to red - during the post-war years. That is until the magazine gets back on its feet again.

CHRISTMAS 1952



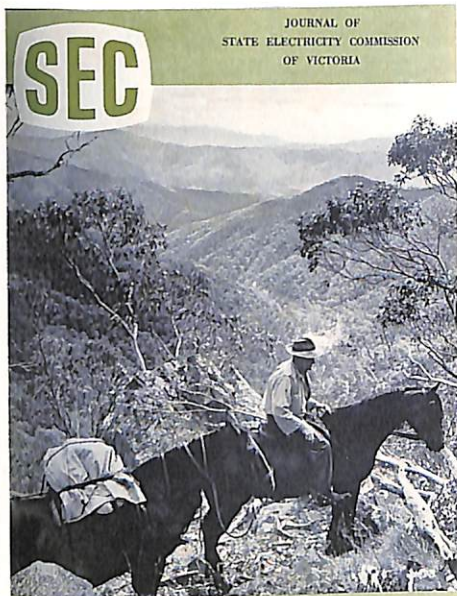
▲ A picture on the front cover. Featuring distinguished Australian chef, Mr William G. Zimmerman who was chosen as the official cook for the forthcoming Royal Tour.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1954



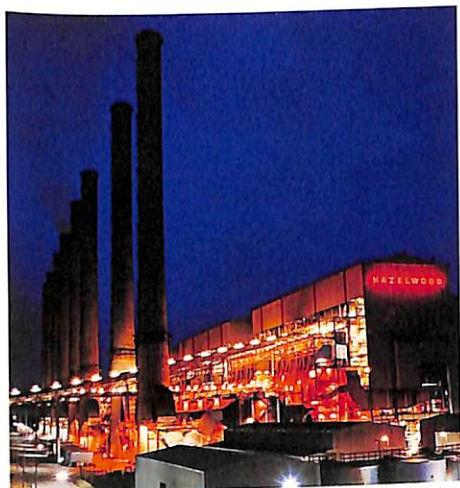
▲ February-March 1954. A souvenir edition celebrating the inclusion of Yallourn into the Royal Itinerary with an official Court photograph of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1955



▲ Packhorses carry supplies through the rough terrain of the Kiewa Valley. SEC leading hand packman and well-known local identity, Jack Maddison, leads his team of horses over Arthur's Saddle to the remote Kiewa survey camps at Big River and Spion Kopje.

DECEMBER 1970



HAZELWOOD POWERMAKER FOR THE 70'S

▲ The SEC Progress Review, a summary of the Annual Report, presents Hazelwood Power Station as the powermaker for the 70s with this impressive night view.

AUGUST 1969

STATE SUPPLY NETWORK NEAR COMPLETION

With some 2,000 km of line to be installed in the Victorian supply network, the State Electricity Commission of Victoria is well advanced in the construction of a major system of transmission and distribution lines for the north-west and part of the State north of the North Australian border.

Over 95% of population served

NEW LOOK 'SEC NEWS'

LAST OF THE LINE

OCT. 11 OPENING FOR MURRAY 2

The Murray 2 Project will be officially opened on Saturday, October 11, by Mr. Murray for Technical Development, Victorian Minister for Energy.

OUR NEW FACE

This issue of 'SEC News' comes in a new format. There are more pages of news, more pictures, and a new look. The new look is a combination of a newspaper and a magazine. We have more news, more pictures, and a new look. We have more news, more pictures, and a new look.

▲ We celebrate the electrification of Victoria with this photo of the almost completed line of chimney stacks at the new Hazelwood Power Station.

► Mt Beauty linesmen Bill Moorman and Barry McLean work under the poetic words of George Carlin, a former manager of overhead lines in America where the hydro areas so closely resembled our own.

MARCH 1971



▲ Hazelwood Power Station's family day goes off without a hitch thanks to the girls from the Latrobe Valley - Claire Chapman, Heidi Heller, Margaret Horne, Janina Gorbai, Christine McNab, Tilly Verberne, Jill Collins, Blanche Dolman, Sue Barker, Sandra Collier and Gaye Wilson.

► "Newsgirls" Liz Smith, Chris Timms and Helen Kubicki launch yet another new-look SEC News.

SEPTEMBER 1970

RECORD SALES YEAR FOR OUR BRIQUETTES

The Commission's briquetting business is continuing to prosper in spite of some pessimistic forecasts about its ability to withstand increased competition from other fuels. In the last financial year overall sales to the public reached a record 7,120,000 tons.

OUR NEW FACE

This issue of 'SEC News' comes in a new format. There are more pages of news, more pictures, and a new look. The new look is a combination of a newspaper and a magazine. We have more news, more pictures, and a new look.

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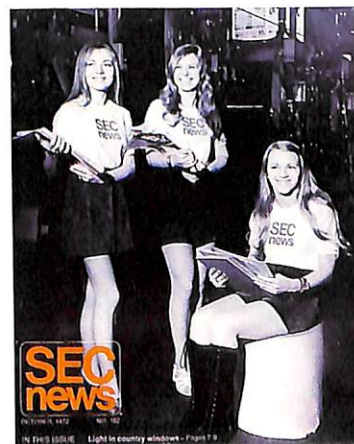
INDUSTRIAL MARKET GROWTH FROM COAL

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Meet our new Chairman Pages 9-12

SEC News takes on another new size. The SEC's new chairman, Mr Charles Trethowan, is introduced to SEC News readers. Mr Trethowan, who took over the position on December 1, began his SEC career as a junior clerk in Ballarat.



Ian Halden and Bill Sutton from the Kiewa Hydro Division demonstrate the many uses of the Kiewa River with a spot of fly fishing. SEC News adopts its current A4 size.



Twenty-year-old Maria Del Busso had been with the SEC for only two years but in that time she has certainly moved around. Maria started in the typing pool at Morwell but moved to Yallourn in April last year where her duties were divided between the Drawing Office and the Civil Production Maintenance Office. Three months ago Maria moved again and expanded her typing abilities by becoming the Yallourn teleprinter operator. Her hobbies take on fishing, 'the outdoors' and her favourite man, apart from her fiancee Sam, is film star Robert Redford.

FLASH BACK

Many men have been known to take a quick glance at the girl they meet on the way to their place of business, but which has a ring of familiarity about it, and the Monash Power Plant. Maria Del Busso, who was the first girl to work in the typing pool at Morwell in 1954, has been with the SEC for 30 years. She has seen many changes in the plant and the industry. She was the first girl to work in the typing pool at Morwell in 1954. She has seen many changes in the plant and the industry. She was the first girl to work in the typing pool at Morwell in 1954.

READERS SERVICE

Dear Sir, I received your issue of 4th Dec 1983 and was pleased to see the article on the Kiewa River. I have been to the river many times and it is a beautiful place. I am sure you will find it interesting to read about the history of the river and the work done to develop it. I have been to the river many times and it is a beautiful place. I am sure you will find it interesting to read about the history of the river and the work done to develop it.

Do you remember Bird of the Month? Such features may have been popular at one time, but would be unacceptable in today's more enlightened times. Maria Del Busso was Bird of the Month for November, 1974. According to the information provided, 20-year-old Maria started in the typing pool at Morwell before moving to Yallourn where she worked as the teleprinter operator. Maria's hobbies are listed as fishing, outdoors, while her favourite man (apart from fiancée Sam) was film star Robert Redford. Where are you now Maria?

Two new SEC books published

Two fascinating books about important developments in SEC history are now available.

One is entitled: "Yallourn Power Station: A History, 1919-1989", and chronicles the 70 years history of the station, right up to the closure of Yallourn E in 1989.

The other is: "The Kiewa Story", which to quote the forward in the book "was written as a popular history of a unique power development, which men and women imbued with the pioneering spirit embarked upon earlier this century".

Articles about the books were featured in the SEC News during their preparation stages. They were formally launched at different functions this month.

Both books are very much human stories of these important developments and not technical histories.

Colin Harvey, a former Yallourn W Power Station Manager, spent almost three years compiling the history of the Yallourn power station.

With research assistant Neville Peckman, he searched through thousands of SEC files and interviewed current and retired SEC employees, including three men who worked with Sir John Monash in the 1920s.

The 400-page book includes 500 photographs, some dating back to 1919.

According to Colin, the project "encapsulates an important part of Victorian history

and offers a crucial insight into the development of Gippsland".

Copies of the book are available at newsagents in the Latrobe Valley or can be purchased for \$40 from Alf Vella on (057) 35 2338.

"The Kiewa Story" was written by Graham Napier, who worked on the scheme from 1954 until his retirement from the SEC in 1987, and well-known Melbourne journalist Geoff Easdown.

Graham started researching the project in 1988 and uncovered a wealth of detail both in archives and official reports of the day.

But it is the memories of those who were involved during the preparation, construction and early operational phases, which help make the book such a fascinating and inspiring account of hardships and difficulties faced in developing Kiewa.

"The Kiewa Story" is published by the SEC's Office of Corporate Relations and is available at the cost price of \$11.95 for employees, retirees and voluntary departees. The full cost of the book is \$14.95.



Copies are available at the Mt Beauty Visitors Centre or by mail from the Office of Corporate Relations, Monash House. Cheques and postal orders only payable to SECV.



SECurity Update



CRIME STOPPERS

October again. It is the most important month in Neighbourhood Watch's Victorian calendar because of the annual State seminar.

This year, the seminar is to be held at the World Congress Centre on 23 October, and the line-up of speakers is an intriguing mix including a biker, an academic and a magistrate.

The academic is Dr Magnus Clarke, Director of Defence Studies at Deakin University, who will sum up the seminar in the afternoon and give a future perspective for Neighbourhood Watch.

Dr Clark is most widely known for the puns and offbeat humour in his compering of "University Challenge" on ABC television, and his comments on international affairs with Neil Mitchell on 3AW.

He is also author of an academic study on nudism in Australia which perhaps would do nothing for Neighbourhood Watch but it is interesting, don't you think?

The biker is the Rev. John Smith, founder and leader of the God Squad, who will speak on minority lifestyles and cultures, and what they can offer Neighbourhood Watch.

St Kilda Youth Outreach worker Peter Wearne, will speak on the involvement of youth in the program.

The magistrate will be Jelena Popovic, and her topic is "Judging the Innocent - Considerations in Sentencing".



Gerald Mayhead, who has managed the SEC's sponsorship of Neighbourhood Watch for almost three years - not to mention preparing SECurity Update each month - retired from the SEC at the end of September.

In appreciation of his hard work and commitment to Neighbourhood Watch, Victoria Police presented a plaque to Gerald - or Gerry, as he is better known to his friends and colleagues - just before his departure.

The plaque was presented to Gerry by Police Commissioner, Neil Comrie.



It's official. Despite all the changes going on within the organisation, the sponsorship of Neighbourhood Watch remains in place.

It has taken some time. First, Victoria Police and SEC solicitors had to approve the document and then Chief General Manager George Bates and Neil Comrie, Chief Commissioner of Police, had to synchronise appointments to sign them.

What it means is the SEC continues as sole sponsor in 1994 and has an option on 1995 and 1996. Next year, our support increases to \$500 000.

Similarly, we are expected to renew our support of Crime Stoppers when it comes up again for consideration at the end of this year.



▲ CGM George Bates and Police Commissioner Neil Comrie sign the sponsorship documents.



Changes within the SEC mean that management of the promotion of Neighbourhood Watch is gravitating more and more to CSBs.

This is why the Office of Corporate Relations is preparing a kit on security lighting which CSBs can use with local media.

The kit will include two new brochures, on business security lighting and on rural security, editorial on our sponsorship of Neighbourhood Watch, bromides for newspaper ads and copy for radio commercials.



An RMB sign makes it easier for police to find your place in the country, and a number of Neighbourhood Watch areas in country Victoria are supporting the idea.

Local post offices happily co-operate, and the SEC supports the idea too because they make it much easier to find people with supply problems.

The SEC Superannuation Fund began contributing articles to the SEC News in May 1992. Since that time, articles have appeared on a wide range of superannuation issues.

In writing these articles, the main objective has been to try and take some of the mystery out of superannuation by explaining as simply as possible the way superannuation works in general and for the SEC Superannuation Fund (SECSF) in particular.

We hope that we have achieved this objective and that our readers have found the articles helpful and informative.

With a significant restructure of the SEC now about to occur, we wish to reassure members of the SECSF that the services



which they have come to expect from the Superannuation Fund in the past will continue to be available in the future.

In particular:

- The Fund will continue to issue regular communications to members. You should have recently received your annual benefit statement, and will shortly receive a report from the Fund's Trustee on the operation of the Fund for the year to 30 June 1993.
- The Fund's administration team will

continue its program of regular workplace visits. At these visits, general information sessions are conducted for all staff, and the opportunity exists for staff with a particular problem or query to have a confidential personal interview with one of the administration staff.

- Retirement seminars will continue to be conducted for staff nearing retiring age.
- The information hotline is available to answer your queries. If you have a specific query, ring the Super Hotline on (03) 691 1991.

The Superannuation Fund and its administrative staff look forward to continuing to provide a professional service to the members of the Fund in the changed world that lies ahead.

SECLAB moves to increase business

Next time you stop to think about all the electrical appliances around your home, think of SECLAB – because there is a very good chance it played a major part in their development.

The SEC's Approval Testing Laboratory – to give it its full name – has been carrying out electrical safety testing of domestic and light industrial electrical equipment for well over 30 years.

SECLAB's premises at the corner of Maroondah Highway and Williams Road, Blackburn, is a "treasure trove" of the very best equipment and human expertise available for ensuring electrical appliances work properly and above all safely.

The laboratory started out in Yarraville, under the watchful eye of the SEC's Chief Testing Officer Harry Chan, in the late 1950's before moving in 1972 to the former Bushells Tea warehouse in the heart of Melbourne at 452 Flinders Street.

Two years ago SECLAB moved to Blackburn – the premises used to be a dog meat factory – and the sale of the Flinders Street site enabled it to fund a purpose-built modern testing laboratory, one of the best in the Southern Hemisphere.

The new premises means SECLAB can provide a much wider range of services than it could ever do before. Manufacturers, importers and approvals consultants are numbered among its customers.

Recently SECLAB with its staff of 11 became registered by the National Association of Testing Authorities to test for six Australian, and in most cases New Zealand, Standards.

SECLAB's work means staff get a close look at some revolutionary new electrical appliances well before they are available on the market. They also test appliances to establish their efficiency and performance for the energy labelling scheme.

SECLAB has the only environmental testing laboratory in the Southern Hemisphere where such products as air conditioners can be tested under the most trying conditions.

Testing includes checking microwave oven doors and also ensuring attractive garden lights are well and truly water proof. In fact, appliances tested range from toasters to tumble dryers, hair dryers to heaters, and electric frypans to freezers.

SECLAB Manager, Nigel Barry, said the laboratory was in competition with similar facilities operated by Sydney Electricity, the South East Queensland Electricity Board and private interests in New Zealand.



"We have a good name in the industry and presently enjoy a market share of between 35 and 40 per cent. It is our intention to increase our share in the foreseeable future," he said.

▲ SECLAB staff. From left to right: Ian Absolam, Geoffrey Glew, Gary Turton, Steve Cowley, Trevor Hudson, Brian Richardson, Robert Hensing, John Cucuzzella, Nigel Barry, Colin Dowling and Brendan Smith.

Power pole art

Great works of art have been created on walls, ceilings and even fridges – but a power pole?

It may not challenge the likes of Michelangelo or even Picasso but this painted power pole certainly stands out amongst its peers.

The sub-station pole was to be erected outside the home of Greg and Pam Newman at Woods Point, deep in Victoria's remote pioneering gold country.

Unimpressed about having a grey, concrete pole on their front doorstep, the Newmans inquired about the possibility of painting the pole to suit the natural environment.

Permission was granted and artist Deidre Glass and students from the Woods Point Primary School went to work.

When the maintenance crew from Benalla arrived five days later to stand the pole, the work of art was being completed. While the crew set about fitting the equipment to the pole, the budding artists put the finishing touches to their creeping ivy and bush characters.



▲ The painted power pole.

Reflective stickers completed the unusual artwork so that the pole creates an unreal sight for night-time drivers.

Despite its appeal, Benalla supervisor, Rob Lindsey said he didn't think the pole was going to create a trend.

"It's a one off pole," he said.



▲ A close-up of the decoration.

SEC funds return to by-gone era

The atmosphere of a by-gone era will be re-created in the Port of Echuca thanks to a 75th anniversary grant by the SEC.

The SEC recently presented the Echuca City Council with the first part of the grant which will be used to provide ambience lighting in the Murray Esplanade. The lighting will highlight the historic buildings in the Esplanade, re-creating the era when the port was at its busiest. The Echuca project is one of six permanent lighting projects in Victorian provincial centres being funded by the SEC to help celebrate its 75th anniversary.



▲ Manager of the SEC's Murray Goulburn Valley CSB, Andrew Lellitt, with the Mayor of Echuca, Cr Peter Scott, following the presentation of the cheque.

SEC welcomes Vietnamese

A party of 30 electric power system operators from Vietnam arrived in Melbourne early last month to learn how to operate the 500 kV transmission line now under construction to link the north and south of the country. As previously reported, the SEC through SECV International is providing design and technical assistance for the project in conjunction with Pacific Power. The Australian based training is an integral part of the assistance program, which is

funded by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB). The party was split into two groups for the six week training period. All spent time in Victoria, NSW and with the Snowy scheme. They received "hands on" experience of what to expect when they worked shifts at the System Control Centre in Richmond. Follow up training will be provided in Vietnam by SEC and Pacific Power engineers, probably early next year.



▲ The Vietnamese party pictured with their SEC hosts shortly after their arrival in Melbourne.

Customers see new terminal station

Three metre high switches and conductors made of 150 mm aluminium tubing give the SEC's new Altona Terminal Station a larger-than-life appearance as representatives from the Altona petrochemical complex recently discovered. The representatives toured the new station which has been built to meet the future load growth of the complex as well as

improve general supply security for the western metropolitan area. The future power needs of the complex, which supplies more than 50 per cent of Australia's primary petrochemical needs, was a major factor in the SEC's decision to build the new station.

SEC Account Executive for the chemicals industry, Bill Surace, shows Magdy Attia from Liquid Air some of the features of the Altona Terminal Station.

Big transformer moves to the Valley

Another major component for unit 2 of Loy Yang B made the slow and carefully planned journey from Melbourne to the Valley recently.

This time it was the generator transformer which was moved over three days from Melbourne docks to the power station site. It was only a matter of a few months since unit 2's generator stator or casing was transported along the same route.

The transformer was carried on two 96-wheel low loaders, pushed and pulled by 700 tonnes and its length was more than 100 metres.

It was the equal largest load ever to be transported through the Melbourne suburbs – the only other load of this size transported through the Melbourne sub-station. The transformer recently transported to the Valley will be used as a spare for unit 1 until it is required for unit 2 in 1995. Unit two is on target for full load testing in the winter of 1996.



▲ The transformer on its way to Loy Yang B.

BIRTHS

Peterson, to Kim (Central Power) and David, a daughter, Claire Alexandria on 14 September.

Curlis, to Paul (Shepparton CSC) and Lorraine, a daughter, Joanne Ruth on 12 August.

Abbott, to Rob (F/A Malvern, CAPG) and Julia, a son, James Robert on 3 August.

DEATHS

Charles A Freeman, on 30 July, aged 82. Formerly of Secretarial Dept, he retired in 1976. He is survived by his wife.

Henry W Carter, on 17 August, aged 86. Formerly of Latrobe Valley, he retired in 1968. He is survived by his son.

Eric Stephen Garland, on 5 August, aged 77. Formerly of Supplies and Gen Services, he retired in 1976. He is survived by his wife.

Herbert Henry Green, on 11 August, aged 84. Formerly of Northern ESD Bendigo, he retired in 1970.

William George Matton, on 13 August, aged 66. Formerly of Yallourn W Project, he retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife.

Campbell Gale, on 19 August, aged 68. Formerly of Morwell Briquette & Power, he retired in 1985. He is survived by his wife.

Henry Ernest Watkins, on 13 July, aged 91. Formerly of North West Region, he retired in 1964. He is survived by his son.

Tom E H Williams, on 26 July, aged 90. Formerly of Elec Supply Dept, he retired in 1968. He is survived by his daughter.

Frederick Warburton, on 4 August, aged 79. Formerly of Finance Dept, he retired in 1973. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

Valdemar William Sharpe, on 7 August, aged 89. Formerly of Transport Div, he retired in 1969. He is survived by his wife and son.

George Warren Parsons, on 23 August, aged 92. Formerly of Storeroom Supervisor, he retired in 1966. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Frederick John Matthews, on 13 July, aged 74. Formerly of Horsham, he retired in the 70s. He is survived by his wife.

William R Fraser, on 14 April, aged 68. Formerly of Yallourn and Fish Bend, he retired in 1989. He is survived by his wife.

Waldemar (Wally) E Stern, on 8 May, aged 49. Formerly of Central Area Power Grid, died suddenly. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter, and his parents.

Bob Chalmers, on 28 August, aged 75. Formerly of Fish Bend, he retired in 1978. He is survived by his wife, son and three daughters.

Ludwig H Krznicar (Chris), on 19 August, aged 54. Formerly of Prod Group Yallourn, he retired in 1990. He is survived by his wife, daughter and three sons.

D J Walker, suddenly on 27 August, aged 23. From Daylesford FSC, formerly Ballarat. He is survived by his loving parents Jack and Marg.

FOR SALE

Land - Boolarra LV, vacant block, quiet town close to National Parks, 30 mins from Latrobe Valley and Mirboo North, clean block \$12 000 ONO. Rosemary Jones (059) 82 2025.

Ford TE Cortina, 1979, 4 spd Sedan, blue duco, good condition, runs well, new battery, RWC, \$2000 ONO. Dave McAuley (051) 35 3801, AH (051) 33 7015.

Ford Telstar, 1984 Sedan, manual, A/C, car alarm, new tyres, windscreen, RWC provided, \$6500 ONO, good, clean car, lady owner. Rosemary Jones (059) 82 2025.

Kingswood HJ, 1976, one owner, VGC, 115 000kms, 186cc, 6 cyl, reg'd to Feb 1994, \$3700. Bernard Andrews (03) 889 6103.

Nissan Pulsar, 1981, 5 door hatch, metallic gold, 5 spd manual, A/C, radio/cassette/equaliser, seat covers, rear louvre, exc cond, low km's with RWC, \$4300. Anthony Hansford (052) 79 7206, AH (03) 748 8683.

Commodore VP Ute, Dec '92 model, 5.0 lt V8, auto, A/C, P/Steering, s-pack, sports blue paint, alloy wheels & extras, 11 000kms, as new in showroom condition, \$24 999 ONO. Chris Garrick AH (03) 744 2361.

HJ Holden S/Wagon, blue, 253 V8, twin exhaust, mag wheels, bucket seats and chrome roof rack, 4 mths rego, \$1500. Mark Adams (03) 794 4615, AH (059) 98 7027.

Ford XE 4 spd Gear Box ('S' Pack), ball housing consuah, fly wheel, peddles etc, \$275 ONO, serviced 7000kms ago. Gregory Russell (03) 882 5245, AH (03) 570 7009.

Nissan 720 Daul Cab Ute, '85 model, 5 spd diesel, 2WD, 138 000kms, white, 12 mths rego, alloy bull bar, tow bar, tinted windows, Sunraysia wheels, VGC, RWC, \$9000. Garry Hall (03) 433 3355, AH (03) 716 2924.

Ford XB GS Sedan, some panels in good condition, bumper bars & grill VGC \$80 ea, auto gas unit incl 80 lt tank, mixer & converter \$400, 5 x 12 slot mags VGC with tyres \$250 the lot, motor and auto transmission good cond \$400 ONO. Anthony Cook (051) 35 3559, AH (051) 27 1817.

Tow Bar, suit XE & XF Falcon with or without LPG cylinder \$80. Kevin Bailey (03) 691 2733, AH (03) 725 5881.

Caravan, Viscount Aero Lite Pop Top with Annexe, 4.7m x 2.3m, twin berth, seat converts to double bed, 2 way fridge, 4 burner, full-size oven, many extras, VGC \$6000 ONO. Fred Gilchrist (03) 439 5296.

Caravan, 1977 Viscount Front Kitchen, 12ft x 7ft, 2 berth & annexe, rust proofed chassis, new microwave and shock absorbers, spare wheel, built-in radio with ext aerial, reading lights, mains pressure connection, tows well, \$2800. Don Welsh (052) 52 2301.

Franklin Caravan & Annexe, on site at Water Edge Caravan Park Lakes Entrance, 19ft 6" van & 18ft x 7ft 6" annexe. Spare fridge, lounge suite, sleeps minimum 6, \$9500. John O'Bryan (051) 35 3377/34 2886, AH (051) 34 6169.

On-site Caravan, Lakes Entrance, 26ft Franklin & 20' x 20' alum annexe, 8 berth, gas h/w service, shower, hand basin, carpet throughout, exc cond, sit at 4 star park, must sell \$10 000 ONO. Laurace Cummings (03) 555 0825.

Pop Top Caravan, 4 berth, 14ft Millard, \$6000. Frank Besenyei (059) 62 4969.

Caravan Annexe, 12ft x 8ft in VGC, complete with poles, ropes & pegs \$250. John Buckley (051) 35 2175, AH (051) 27 4269.

Boat, 12ft Aluminium Snipe 2 Sportsman, front steer, windscreen and 1/2 canopy, bow rail, 20HP Mercury motor, all safety equip and trailer, exc cond, \$5300. Chris Truin (051) 73 4409, AH (051) 74 0036.

Half Cabin, cruise craft 4.6m f'glass, oil injected to HP Johnson power trim & tilt, Numa galv drive on trailer, new 1990 speedo, tacho, trim instr, swivel seats, 80 lt SS fuel tank, Lowrance x 35 sounder, radio, aerial, flares, anchor SS bowrail, navigation & cab lighting, storm cover, EC, \$10 500. Rob Van Elden (051) 35 5739, AH (051) 27 5892.

Motorcycle, Kawasaki GPZ 750, 1983 model, 12 mths rego, 4 into 1 exhaust, new paint, gear rack, exc cond, \$2100 ONO. Shane Williams (051) 73 2020, AH (051) 27 4953.

Motor Bike, Katana 750, 82 model, pop up headlight, black & silver, 4 into 1 mega cycle exhaust, new Metzeler tyres, lambs wool seat cover, 35 000km, Jan '94 rego, RWC \$3400. Mark Sartori (053) 48 2414, AH (053) 48 2615.

Honda, XR 500 RE, good cond, \$1600 ONO. Peter McKay (054) 44 8419, AH (054) 43 5291.

Kneeboard, 5ft 7.5" thruster, channels, leg rope, VGC \$220. Graeme Rankin (056) 23 2838, AH (056) 33 1017.

Bedroom Suite, black lacquered "Sunset" suite (bedhead, 3 drawer side-tables, 6 drawer dressing table with mirror), VGC, suits QS or DB, orig price \$2400, sell for \$900 ONO. Elizabeth Bruno (03) 313 6288, AH (03) 390 9968.

Modular Bedroom furniture, 7 items, incl bed, wardrobe, cupboards, shelves, drawers, pine veneered construction, VGC \$400. Geoff Nye (03) 794 4000 ext 44735, AH (03) 764 3783.

Lounge Suite, 2 seater, 2 chairs, pine framed, large removable cushions & removable covers, exc cond, \$100 ONO. Also Waterbed bladder, queen, waveless with baffles, water has been professionally pumped out, suit hard sided suite, exc cond, \$120 ONO. Also Stereo, Thorn model 4024, solid state, incl am/fm tuner, integrated amplifier, cassette tape deck, 2 speakers & turntable, good cond, \$100 ONO. Tamara Martin (051) 71 1411, AH (051) 92 4595.

Dining Setting, Queen Anne dropside table, 1530mm x 1020mm with 6 chairs, seats upholstered, green vinyl, \$650. Mark Travill (03) 691 1147, AH (03) 723 6543.

Wall Oven and Hot Plates, St George, electric, in working order, pale lemon colour \$150. John Button (03) 578 8145.

Microwave Oven, National Panasonic, model 7870, full size, 6 yrs old, paid \$540 will sell \$240, exc cond, comes with cookbook & manual, genuine reason for selling. Lauren Jackson (051) 71 1511, AH (051) 97 7291.

Dishwasher, ASEA 750 benchtop, 12 mths old, RRP \$1200 will sell for \$700 ONO. Lyn Bernadzik (03) 288 1339, AH (03) 813 3763.

Kitchen Cupboards and Appliances, cupboards, drawers, mauve colour with white laminex top includes island bench, auto elec oven, grill, hot plates & s/s sink, GC, \$400 ONO. Sreeni Vasani (03) 691 2732, AH (03) 762 2194.

Cupboards, 920 mm wide, 610 mm deep, 610mm high (3ft x 2ft x 2ft). Raymond Bracher (03) 578 7225.

Frigidaire Freezer, 210 L, chest type, exc cond, \$100. Neil Russell (03) 691 4187, AH (03) 439 1373.

Table, Sink, Concrete Borders, Kitchen Table light grey laminex, chrome legs \$10, Kitchen sink single bowl \$10, Slab Borders for garden, approx 24. Cyril Marsden (03) 578 2018.

Jindara Inbuilt Wood Heater, with 3 speed fan and complete flu, only two months old. Kerry Maguire (054) 22 3966, AH (054) 60 4306.

Waterbed QS, Vanity Unit, Ford GS wheels, Bed pine sided with bedhead, lacquered, complete with heater & thermostat, VGC \$150 ONO. Vanity blue top white base, suit holiday house \$25. Four wheels with chrome caps & trims, VGC \$100 ONO. Steve Abbott AH (051) 27 5857.

Waterbed, QS, exc cond, \$200 ONO. Peter Linton (051) 73 2711, AH (051) 63 1505.

Children's Bedroom Suite, corner hutch with drawers, 3 drawer cupboard, dressing table with mirror, pipe line bed, red in colour, cupboards white with red stripe, exc cond, \$450 the lot. Kerry Maguire (054) 22 3966, AH (054) 60 4306.

Baby needs, child's car seat series 3 \$50, change table \$5, cradle, mattress & linen \$50, dressing table \$20, Janino pram, pusher, stroller \$60, single bed mattress \$30, Mothercare baby carry sling \$10, Mothercare bouncer \$10, Mothercare bath set \$15. Rod Tampling (03) 709 1229, AH (03) 763 0437.

Pram/Stroller, McLaren, pastel blue/grey, exc cond \$120. Jeanette Robb (03) 265 7741, AH (03) 579 0419.

Organ, Kawai, double keyboard, nice tone, suit beginner, good condition, stool included. Paid \$500, will sell for \$250 ONO. June Sutcliffe AH (03) 687 1527.

Commodore 64 computer, k/board, 1801 monitor, 1541 disc drive, computer-mate 100 printer, cassette player, leads & equip manuals, Flexidraw light pen & Easy Script 64 software, music maker, print shop companion and more, \$450. Stan Ruane (051) 35 7950. AH (051) 22 2721.

Wedding Dress, size 10, beautifully beaded, white, fishtail design with 2 m train, long leg-omutton sleeves, \$700 ONO. Michelle Garlick (052) 26 4281, AH (052) 43 6702

Bridal Gown, size 10-12, handmade ivory raw silk, fitted v-neck bodice with angled dropped waist, 3/4 fitted ruched sleeves, very elegant design, \$500. Noel Murray AH (03) 431 2432.

Lingerie Kit Items, undercover items, PJ's, T/Shirts, knickers, teddies etc, 1/2 RRP, agent no longer active. Stacey Konias (051) 35 3351, AH (051) 27 6684.

Assorted Lego Sets, Fish Tank, Dining Set, Lounge Suite, Lego includes space, castle & other sets and spares for train set (as new) in orig boxes incl full instruction manuals, attractive prices, will sell separately or in sets. Fish Tank, 33 Gall, 36" x 14" x 18" with enclosed timber stand incl under gravel filter, top cover glass & 2 digital thermometers \$130. 7 pce Mahogany Dining Set with extension in exc cond \$400. 6 seater (2x2 & 2x1) Lounge Suite in VGC \$350. Shiva Bellur (03) 691 3573, AH (03) 366 5727.

Sports cards, Aust - AFL, cricket, rugby, USA - basketball, baseball, football, complete sets, singles, superstars, very competitive prices, also card holders & display gear. Joe McMullen (058) 31 3733, AH (054) 80 6117.

TO LET

House - share accommodation, Heidelberg - Melb, one room available in fully furnished house \$65 pw. Tracey Sharp (03) 301 2262, AH (03) 458 4310.

House - share accommodation, Northcote - Melb, one room, two women require a person to fill 3rd B/R, nice house, close to train, tram & bus, \$59.50 pw, no bond, must be non-smoker and cat tolerant. Sue Picard (03) 204 2115/ 656 5559, AH (03) 481 6918.

Holiday House - Port Fairy, 2 B/R, f/f, close to beach, good fishing. Bill Whitefield (053) 33 8690, AH (053) 33 3708.

Holiday House - Inverloch, 3 B/R, f/f with all amenities, ideally situated within short walking distance to town centre and beach, enjoy clean environment, pleasant walks, bicycle riding. Allan Driver (03) 735 6200, AH (03) 882 2791.

Holiday House - Lakes Entrance, all amens, sleeps 6, opp Golf Course (pokies), 5 min drive to town, easy walking distance to Eastern Beach and Kinkuna Fun Park, very reasonable rates. Denis McAuley (051) 35 2640, AH (051) 34 1735.

Holiday House - Rye, modern 3 B/R, furnished, TV, table tennis, quiet treed location, large block, carport, near bay beach, easy drive to Pt Nepean National Park and back beaches. Ron Pittam AH (03) 878 6502.

Holiday House - Rye, 2 B/R, f/f, very close to beach, ideally situated, pleasant walks, close to shops. Sobhi Takla (03) 691 0421, AH (03) 435 0170.

Holiday House - Tathra, Sapphire Coast NSW, 20 mins from Merimbula, everything provided including beautiful views overlooking ocean. Keith Ridley (051) 74 2746 or (064) 94 1783.

Holiday Apartment - Mildura, quiet garden setting, accoms up to 6, f/f, A/C, everything supplied. Annetta Sinclair (050) 23 3784.

Holiday Unit - Surfers Paradise, 2 B/R, f/f, u/c carpark, beach front on Indy circuit, avail Oct/Nov, Feb-June \$300 pw, Indy week \$500. Bill Ballard (03) 842 2333.

Holiday Unit - Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, beachfront, f/f, 3 B/R, l/u garage, max persons 5, off season \$255 pw (or less), 18 Dec-9 Jan \$550 pw. Blanche Wall (075) 35 3510.

Holiday Unit - Canberra, 5 mins City centre on quiet service road, 3 B/R, all facilities, carport, l/u garage, shops nearby, fully enclosed yard, avail Dec-mid Feb '94, \$375 pw - min 1 wk. Mal Davidson (057) 57 3173, AH (057) 57 2140.

Caravan/annexe - Shoreham, beachfront amongst native bush overlooking Phillip Island, avail Dec-Jan '94, \$180 pw. David Sullivan (03) 691 2915, AH (03) 890 1267.

WANTED

Vehicle storage, urgently required in the metro area for approx 12 to 18 mths for a 1942 model US Army Jeep. Rob Jackson (03) 463 6262, AH (03) 571 4843.

U2 Concert Tickets, I have 3 tickets for Sat 13 Nov, excellent seats close to stage, wish to swap for Friday 12 Nov. Terry Grimwade (03) 691 0847, AH (03) 762 9462.

Official dinners mark SEC's 75th Anniversary

Two occasions of "eminent celebration" were held recently to commemorate the SEC's 75th Anniversary.

Both events were official dinners – one was held at the Victorian Arts Centre in St Kilda Road, Melbourne, and the other at the Italian-Australian Club in Morwell.

Guest of honour at the Melbourne event was the Premier, Mr Jeff Kennett.

Prior to the dinner, the Premier formally "switched on" the lighting projects which have been presented to the City of Melbourne by the SEC to mark the Anniversary.

The projects to come alight that night included the bud lighting of trees in St Kilda Road; festoon lighting the Royal Exhibition Building; and floodlighting the Old Treasury Building and the south side of Flinders Street Station.

Guests at the function included Victoria's Minister for Energy and Minerals, Jim Plowman, past and present Commissioners, Chairmen, and senior managers, together with community leaders and other dignitaries.

Jim Plowman was guest of honour at the Valley function. Guests included past and present SEC identities with a combined record of service of more than 3500 years.

The Minister said in his speech that the SEC had left a uniquely positive mark on Victoria's social and industrial development.



▲ Energy Minister Jim Plowman, SEC Chief General Manager George Bates, and Premier Jeff Kennett prior to the switch on of the lighting projects at the Arts Centre function.



▲ Chatting at the 75th Anniversary Dinner at the Arts Centre are former assistant General Manager (Personnel), Peter Duncan and former Deputy Chief General Manager and current Chairman of the Coal Corporation of Victoria, Clem Joyce.

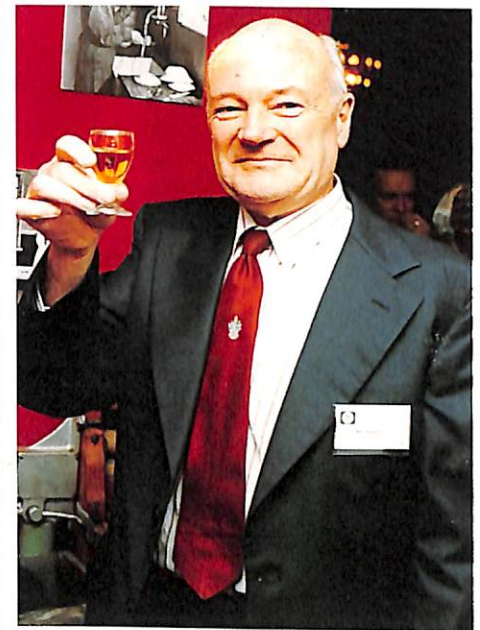


▲ At the Valley function: Former SEC General Manager Production and now General Manager of Coal Corporation John Hutchinson; GMP Pearce Bowman; George Bates and Jim Plowman.

This he said was largely because of "the enormous personal contributions made by so many people from so many parts of the world to the proud history of a highly professional organisation".



▲ Long servers at the Valley dinner: Former Morwell open cut superintendent Murray MacRae – 39 years and 10 months with the SEC – swaps reminiscences with Jack Upton, whose service totalled 23 years.



▲ A toast to 39 years with the SEC for Bill Adams, at the Valley function.



▲ At the Melbourne 75th Anniversary dinner: On the left, Customer Account Manager with Plenty Goulburn CSB, Paul Dunell, and his wife Joan; and on the right, Manager of South Eastern CSB, Bob Scott, and his wife, Misha.