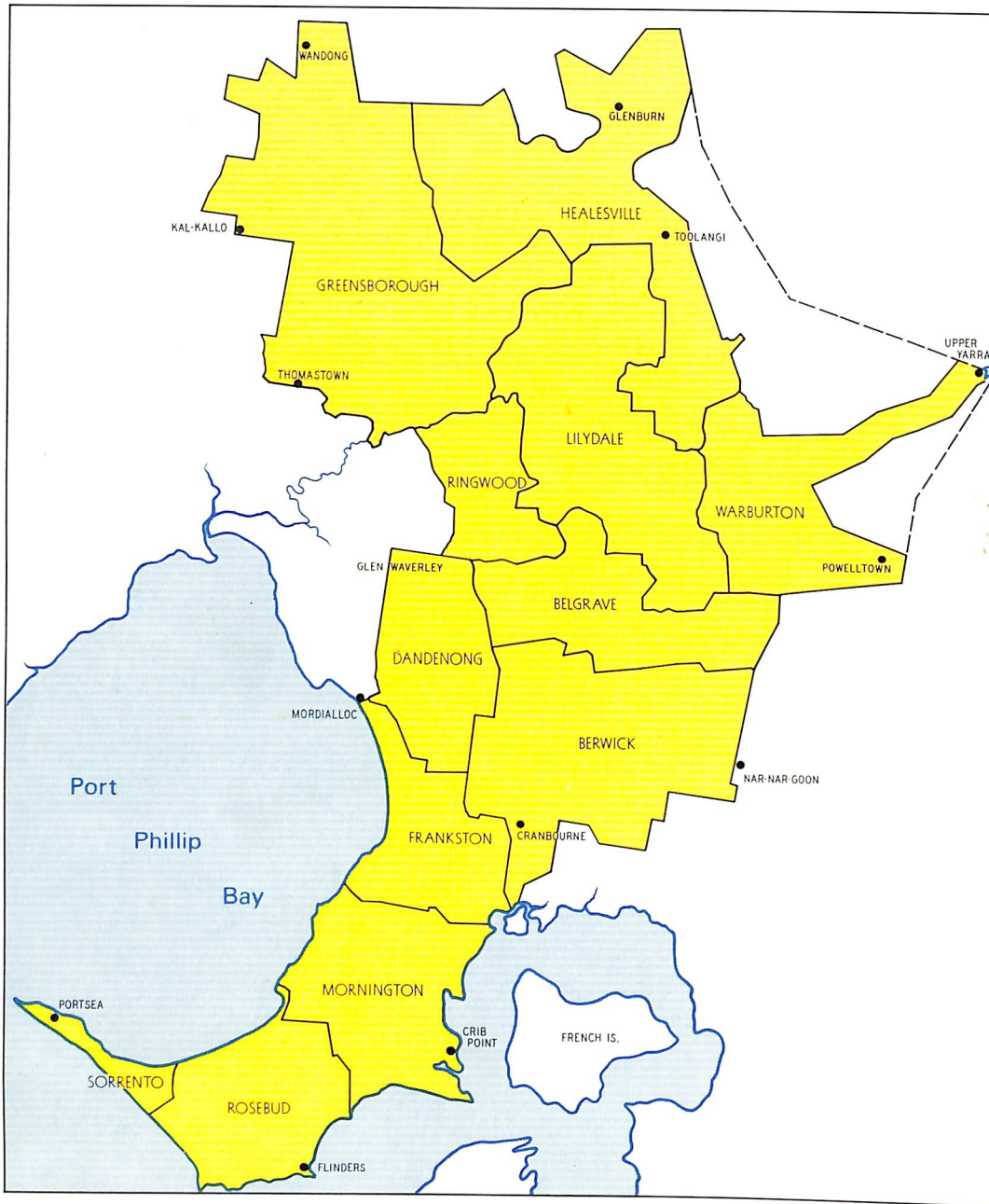


THE AREA SERVED BY
EASTERN METROPOLITAN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BRANCH



STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA
EASTERN METROPOLITAN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BRANCH



New Administrative Offices
122-138 Thomas St. DANDENONG

Officially Opened
by

The Hon. J. C. M. Balfour, M.L.A.
Minister for Fuel and Power

Friday, 11th December, 1970

Eastern Metropolitan
Electricity Supply Branch
State Electricity
Commission of Victoria

The Eastern Metropolitan Electricity Supply Branch was created in 1925 with 2,246 customers and now controls an area from Dandenong to Wallan and Heathcote Junction to the north, Kinglake and Glenburn to the north-east, Healesville, Warburton, McMahons Creek and Powelltown to the east, Gembrook, Berwick, Pakenham and Cranbourne to the south-east and to Portsea and Flinders in the south, including the Westernport development.

This new administrative building will be headquarters for the Branch, which now serves over 207,000 customers including many large industrial customers, with District Offices strategically placed at Sorrento, Rosebud, Mornington, Frankston, Dandenong, Greensborough, Ringwood, Lilydale, Belgrave, Healesville, Warburton and Berwick.

The great expansion in the Branch area of control is indicated by the net increase of customers in 1969/70 of 13,003.

Customers in the Branch are served by way of approximately 6,500 route miles of high and low voltage lines and 6,650 distribution substations which are designed, constructed and operated by Branch personnel.

Field service vehicles are equipped with two way radio which is an essential in providing prompt, efficient and economical customer service. The control room on the second floor operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The display and advisory centre on the ground floor will feature displays of electrical equipment and will be staffed by specialised officers.

The average number of personnel employed in the Branch is 1,050 of which more than 200 will occupy the new building.

The air-conditioned building designed by the Commission's Civil and Architectural Department was constructed by Prentice Builders Pty. Ltd. of Hawthorn, for a cost of \$1,086,000 with financial provision by The Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company Ltd.