

Unit three cannons a real blast

Unit three will be one of the cleanest boilers around following the recent commissioning of four new water cannons by a German programming engineer.

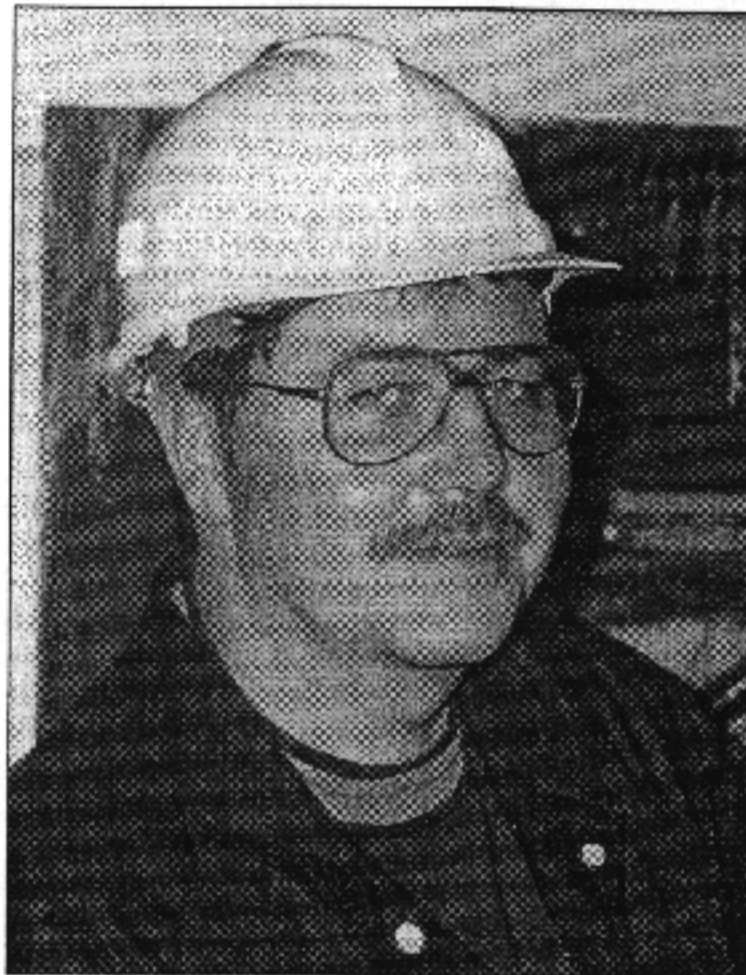
Systems Officer Stuart Hill said the cannons, which are the same as those already in use on unit one, would blast 20 bar of water pressure out of the nozzle and would greatly improve the cleaning of the boiler walls.

"The commissioning of these water cannons removes the need for 40 water and steam blowers which have been used to clean the boiler walls for many years," Stuart said.

"The cannons use fire and general services water and are all controlled by a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) which will see them used only twice a week."

Stuart said the cannons were also able to be used in manual mode to clean areas not within their programmed reach.

"This new equipment will also reduce maintenance costs, and should improve



German engineer Michael Kröner who helped install the new cannons on Unit three.

run lengths between boiler cleans," he said.

The programming and commissioning of the cannons was expected to take around 24 to 30 hours, but the whole process was completed in only 12 hours.

Stuart said engineer Michael Kröner from German engineering company Clyde-Bergemann told him before he left for another job in Sydney that it was the quickest time he had ever fully programmed and commissioned a set of water cannons anywhere in the world.

"Michael said the speediness of the process was attributed to the pre-commissioning work and testing which was done prior to the outage," Stuart said.

Stuart would like to thank the following people for their assistance prior to and during Michael's visit: Tony Ryan for his electrical work, Warren Veneman, Nigel Bell and the electrical and mechanical crews from Fluor Daniel, and Nilsens for their cable runs.

Stuart also thanked the other members of the commissioning team, Rob Boothman and Linda Williams from Loy Yang Power, Alan Forbes from Fluor Daniel and last but not least Michael Kröner.

Michael will return to Loy Yang Power again early next year to program and commission another four water cannons on Unit two.



Christmas dinner/dance

The Loy Yang Power Social Club's Christmas dinner/dance is on again.

Cost is \$50 per double, all-inclusive (soft drinks, wine, light and heavy beer and single shots of basic mixed spirits) with a three course meal starting at 7.30pm.

Entertainment will be supplied by the "Steaming Monzas" and there will be two hotel packages in Melbourne to giveaway (winners must be there on the night).

When: Friday 27 November 1998,
7pm to 1am.

Where: The Premier Function Centre
(29 Grey Street, Traralgon)

Tickets are on sale from Wednesday, 4 November to Wednesday, 18 November.

■ **Station:** Old kiosk window, Ground Floor CCB, 12.30pm to 1pm.

■ **Mine:** Tickets available from Kim Alko ext 3019, anytime.

The dance is for Loy Yang Power Social Club members only. Membership cards must be shown at ticket sales.

Membership

All current members are advised to ensure that their membership records are correct.

With the annual picnic on Sunday, 13 December now is the time to ensure any new additions to the family are registered and that the ages of your children are correct.

Please send a Lotus Notes or contact the following committee members
Kim Alko, ext 3019, David Bloomfield, ext 3632, Rudy Roodenrys, ext 3705, Ian Macdonald, ext 3572 or Janine Tewierik, ext 3200.

Your records need to be adjusted no later than 4 November to ensure the toy distribution is correct on the day of the picnic.

It has come to the attention of the Social Club Committee that there is some uncertainty over ex-Silcar employee social club members.

Loy Yang Power and Fluor Daniel have committed to fund the social club activities while employees from both organisations are required to contribute \$26 per annum through weekly deductions or an annual payment. This combined income accounts for the total funding required to run the club.

Ex-Silcar employees that are still social club members and have not paid their 1998 annual subscription due to this uncertainty, can do so by contacting Kim Alko, David Bloomfield or Rudy Roodenrys. A \$36 subscription will cover the \$10 outstanding for 1998 and the \$26 payment for 1999 membership.

■ **New members** are welcome to join the club by contacting any of the above.