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Leigh Creek is a young town. Anyone coming here only fifteen years ago would have seen little more than a railway line crossing a bare plain and the remains of an old mine near a siding called Telford. Now a town stands on the plain and this town is growing every day.

But Leigh Creek is not young only in its bricks and mortar. It is the home of many young people and it is mainly for those who are growing up here that this is written.

I hear people say that young people do a lot of damage. Perhaps they do. I remember that once a lot of palings were knocked from the playground fence. But I also remember that a team of boys put them back and made a very good job of it, too. And I do not think that there are many towns where children would be as careful of young trees planted in the streets and parks.

When His Excellency, the Governor General was here last year he said that he had never seen healthier or happier looking children. We all hope that as you grow up you will stay that way.

Leigh Creek is still growing and will offer unlimited opportunities in many fields for those who grow up with it. To take advantage of these opportunities it is essential, however, that the young ones prepare themselves well. One way to do this is to take advantage of the Higher Primary Classes now available and go as far as these classes will take you, and to those fortunate enough to be able to go further I can only urge that you take full advantage of your good fortune. As those who are now struggling with apprentice courses will tell you, the extra time spent in school will be well worth while when it comes time to fit yourselves into your future work in Leigh Creek and service in the Community.

COAL FACTS!

During the financial year which ended on the 30th. June last, 495,599 tons of coal were produced from Leigh Creek. This was an increase of 24,915 tons or 5.3% over last year.

All coal during this year was dug from Telford Eastern Cut, better known locally as "K-Cut."

During the same year 1,047,656 cubic yards of overburden were removed, 841,201 yards from Telford and 206,455 from North Field.

At the close of the year 500,000 tons of coal were uncovered in the Cuts.

SPITSBERGEN COAL

The Norwegian coal production at Spitsbergen is considerably smaller than the 27,000 ton a month originally estimated for this season. The reason is that one pit temporarily closed down.

This winter 886 persons are living in Long-year City, among them fifty three women and sixty-four children.

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When it comes to facts about motor cars, here is how Australia compares with other countries:

U.S.A.	29 cars for every 100 people
CANADA	18 " " " " "
NEW ZEALAND	16 " " " " "
AUSTRALIA	14 " " " " "
BRITAIN	6 " " " " "
U.S.S.R.	1 " " " 1,000 "

There are 1,300,000 cars on the road in Australia today. Pre-war there were 562,000!

In recent years we have read a lot in the papers about Australian Expeditions to the Antarctic.

What is the purpose of these expeditions? Is this great ice-bound area of any conceivable value to Australia?

The Antarctic Continent is equal in size to Australia and the United States combined. It has no plant life and no land animals.

But it is rich in mineral resources. It is believed to contain the largest coal deposits in the world. Small finds of gold, silver, tin, iron, and other minerals also have been made.



## HOSPITAL BALL

The long awaited "Event of the Year," Leigh Creek Hospital Ball, fulfilled all expectations and justified the adjectives used in advertising it.

An atmosphere of welcome prevailed as the Community Hall Doors opened wide to reveal a gaily decorated interior, where Four Merry Minstrels, were waiting to put revellers in the Mood.

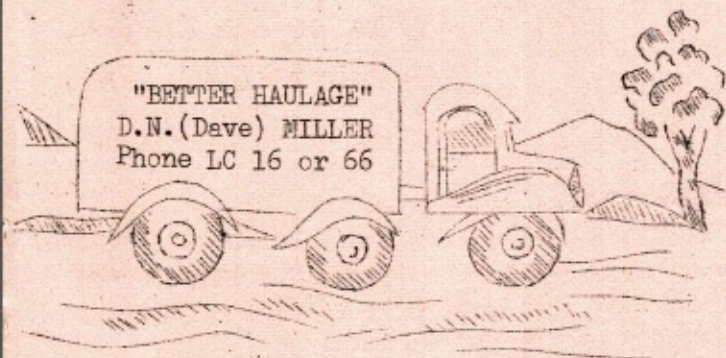
The Ball lived up to the claims of the Organizers, who were rewarded with many sincere expressions of credit for a job well done.

It is to be hoped that the success of this effort will be a stimulus and an inspiration for many more similar events in the future.

The large crowd appreciated the efforts of the organizers, in a most pleasing manner and lost no time in showing their appreciation by thoroughly enjoying themselves.

It is hard to imagine how the Ladies found time to combine their good looks in shiny sequined gowns, jewels and smiles, with the stacks of food and dishes!! The men-folk too, as if touched with a 'magic-wand,' were transformed from black and dusty creatures, to elegant "Beau Brummells."

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## RAIN MAKES 'GETTING THE MAIL THROUGH' A DIFFICULT JOB

Tom Kruse the mail contractor who carries the mail over the Birdsville Track, from Marree to Birdsville, was in town last week with some interesting news of the "track." His job is being made even more difficult than usual this winter by the water which is now flowing down the Cooper. The Cooper at the present time, is in most places from 4 to 5 miles wide -- and Tom finds it necessary to keep a truck on each side of the River, off-load the mail etc., ferry it over the river and then re-load to the other truck.

Interesting is the fact that from 1900 to 1949, the Cooper only managed to run once, that was in 1918, when a mere trickle came down. Since 1949 the road has been under water four times. The Diamantina is also in flood, this being the first time in history that the Diamantina has flowed during the winter.

Tom reports an abundance of bird-life along the Cooper, Pelicans, Swans and Ibis being particularly plentiful -- while the river is teeming with fish. Prospective fishermen are advised to be prepared for some big catches. (Continued on next column)

## GETTING THE MAIL THROUGH .. Contd.,

Feed is plentiful in the area now and many mobs of cattle are on the march.

Drovers moving cattle over the "track" have to swim their herds across the Cooper and find this a somewhat difficult task. While the water in the Cooper is exceptionally clear, the cattle for some reason do not like crossing it and Drovers find the job of getting them into the water rather nerve wracking.

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## LEIGH-CREEK CRICKET CLUB

On Sunday July 17th., we journeyed to Beltana, to do battle with the Beltana side.

Our Captain Sid Hennessy won the toss and sent Beltana into bat. Danny Coulson and Reg. Harrold opening bowlers for the Leigh-Creek XI were quickly on the spot and wickets fell .... rather speedily. Apart from a bright knock from the bat of Beltana's skipper, Jim Lehman and a last ditch stand by Gunter, the batsmen offered little resistance. The Beltana innings closed with the total at 69.

The Leigh Creek batsmen collared the bowling right from the start and passed Beltana's total for the loss of only three wickets. Peter Strathearn was responsible for some lusty hitting and Reg. Harrold, although a little more subdued, displayed some fine shots. The innings realized 145 runs. Leigh Creek being victorious by 76 runs.

The feature of the afternoon was not so much the cricket, but the excellent afternoon tea, provided by the ladies of Beltana. We are very grateful for this fine gesture and hope to reciprocate, when next we have the opportunity.

All players and supporters are reminded of our annual meeting which is to take place at 7.30 P.M. on Thursday evening, 12th. August, in the Canteen storeroom.

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(By A.N.S.S. News Service)

Fog-Horn (Bob) Reed, our capable cableway Captain, finally left the helm for three days, after twenty six months of practically continuous duty. This lapse of duty was brought about by an argument Bob had with a tin of grease. Being under the weather with a touch of 'flu the other Sunday, Bob spent the day in bed and delegated Able Seaman Hennessy to pilot Jimmy and his tin of Black Jack over the main cableway.

You city-dwellers probably know it has rained recently, but out this way we are getting a bit worried about the bloke banging those 'rain-stones' together. He isn't being serious enough, we can't get enough rain to bring the creeks down and so fill our Dam, but we are getting just enough to make working conditions uncomfortable, and the trip out a reliability trial for Drivers and passengers alike. We are afraid 'he' will have those 'stones' worn out before old Jupiter Pluvius is ready to bring down some "big water."

Our carpenters are still battling to keep ahead of Al. and his boys. Once in a while they get their noses in front, but can't seem able to stay there. Their big trouble apparently is the amount of time spent in shaping those 'Marilyn Monroe' curves.

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NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES

Naturalization Ceremonies in Australia are normally conducted by the local Government body.

As Leigh Creek does not come within a local Government area, Naturalization Ceremonies have never been conducted here.

Realizing that most Migrants express a desire to seek Naturalization in the District and among the friends they have made in their new homeland, and also the inconvenience attendant on travelling to a city for the Ceremony, the Electricity Trust have made representation to the Immigration Department, for special arrangements to allow an Officer of the Leigh Creek Coal Fund to conduct the Naturalization Ceremony.

It has recently been learned that similar conditions exist at Woomera, and it is hoped that their representation, added to the Trust's will result in a speedy local appointment being made.

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CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE: 1947 Chev Sedan. Original Owner. Excellent Condition. Apply Leigh Creek Police Station.

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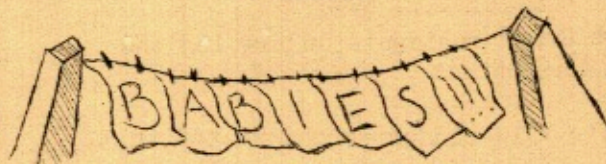
LOCAL AGENTS:

D. N. (Dave) MILLER & BOB DUNN,  
L.C. '66 L.C. 79

Feminine Logic: Attempting to park our car recently, my wife dented the fender of an occupied car parked at the curb. She filled out an accident report form to our insurance company, asked me to check it before mailing it. I found everything in order until I came to the question: "What could the operator of the other vehicle have done to avoid the accident?"

Her reply: "He could have parked his car somewhere else." G.H.J.

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Second issue in a row with no "New Citizens." The Stork apparently left Leigh Creek during the cold weather. However, he probably did need a rest, for during the past financial year, he delivered to the Leigh Creek Hospital fifty-one 'taxation deductions.'

Of these babies, thirty-four are prospective Trust employees, having chosen as their parents employees of the Leigh Creek Coal Fund.

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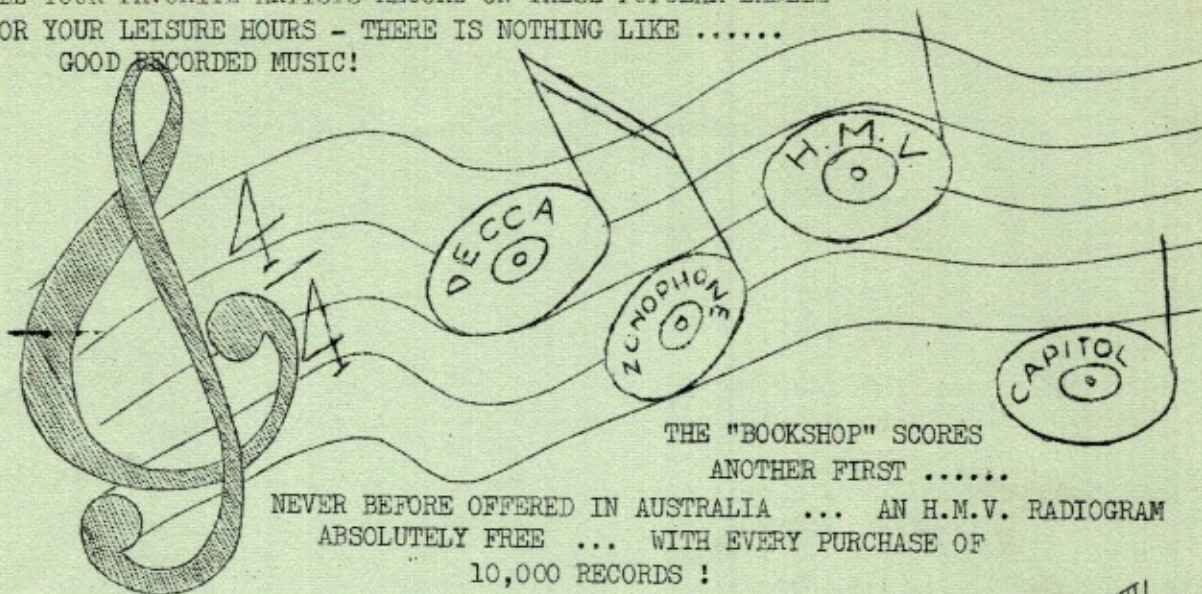
From a S. D. Daily Paper:

"Fair tomorrow, with no increase in temptation?"

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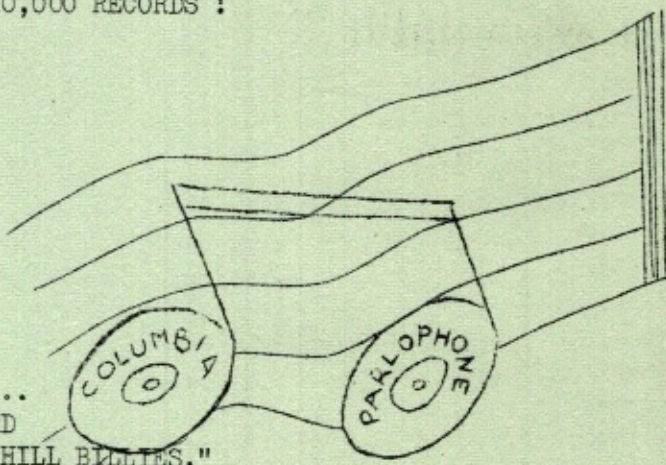


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CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS

SERVICES

SUNDAY JULY 31st., Eighth After Trinity, 7 PM  
 Subject: "Why I Believe in Jesus Christ."  
 SUNDAY AUGUST 7th., Ninth After Trinity, at  
 11 A.M. Family Service. Dedication of newly  
 elected Sunday School teachers.  
 SUNDAY AUGUST 14th., Tenth After Trinity, at  
 7 P.M. Subject: What is Conversion?  
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NEWS

By unanimous decision, Mr. Tom Beare was elect-  
 ed Superintendent of the Sunday School for 1955-  
 1956, and Mr. Brian Ward his assistant.  
 Sunday School will now be conducted every Sun-  
 day morning at 10 A.M.  
 As a Church we give our thanks to Mrs. C. E.  
 Gust for her generosity in donating a silver  
 Communion Plate, Chalice and a cloth for use in  
 that Sacrament.  
 The Thoughtfulness of Mr. & Mrs. David Tennent  
 will enable us to cover the top of our Communion  
 table with glass.  
 One citizen's meanness gave opening to another's  
 generosity. One is anonymous for obvious  
 reasons, the other by choice. On reading of the  
 theft of the mat, in the last issue, a friend  
 has made possible it's replacement, Thank You.  
 Owing to the increasing congregations, we are  
 urgently in need of Methodist Hymn Books.

THOUGHT FOR THIS ISSUE

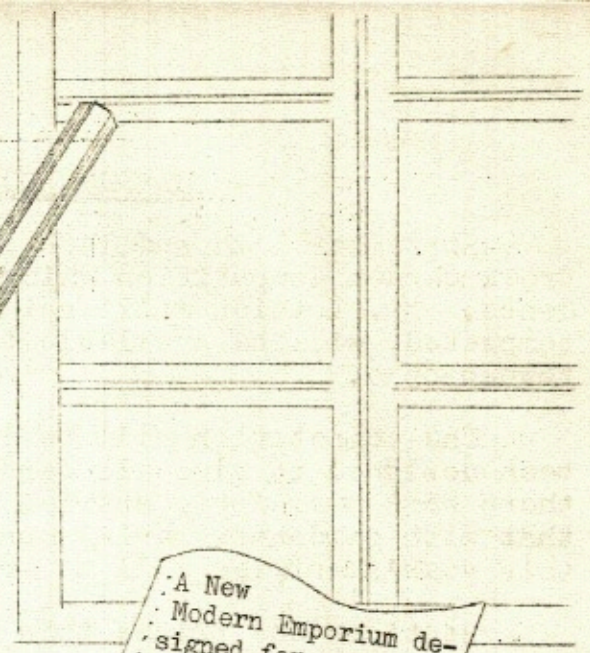
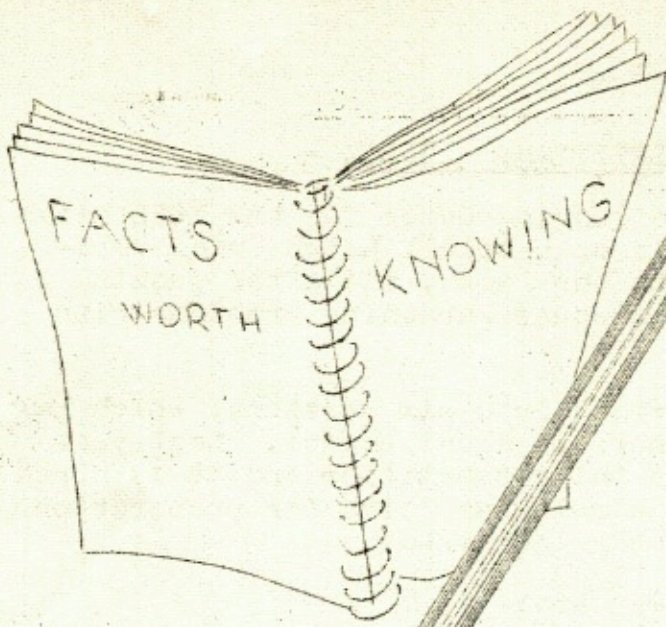
Luke 6:27 -- (RSV) "I say to you that hear,  
 Love your enemies, do good to those who hate  
 you, bless those who curse you, pray for those  
 who abuse you.  
 To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer  
 the other also: and from him who takes away  
 your cloak do not with-hold your coat as well.  
 Give to everyone who begs from you: and of  
 him who takes away your goods, do not ask them  
 again. And as you wish that men would do to  
 you, do so to them."  
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LEIGH CREEK HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Students who gained honours in Weekly Tests:

SYLVIA BARTSCH	CHRISTINE DONLAN (2)
LYNETTE KILSBY	BOBBY JULIAN
PAM HART	JOHN STRATHEARN (2)
ROBIN DIMALINE	WAYNE HOOPER
IAN ZEVEN	KEVIN PLACE
JOSEPHINA KAZIMOUR	WERNER PADARIN
JENNIFER CURD (2)	IRMGARD HOLZER
CHERYL NICHOLLS	PETER YATES
ROBERT FADDY	BOB HARRIS
MALCOLM BEAL	DAVID DOYLE
SYLVIA SCARR (2)	TERENCE FUCHS
GILROY PLACE (2)	DESMOND BROWN
URSULA ARNTHOLZ	CHRISTINE REED
JENNY THOMAS	CHRISTA HOLZER
ALEXANDRA SZEKELY	





AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Marks the  
 end of our 174th  
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 goods you require are also  
 improving!  
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 Both will continue  
 to improve!!!  
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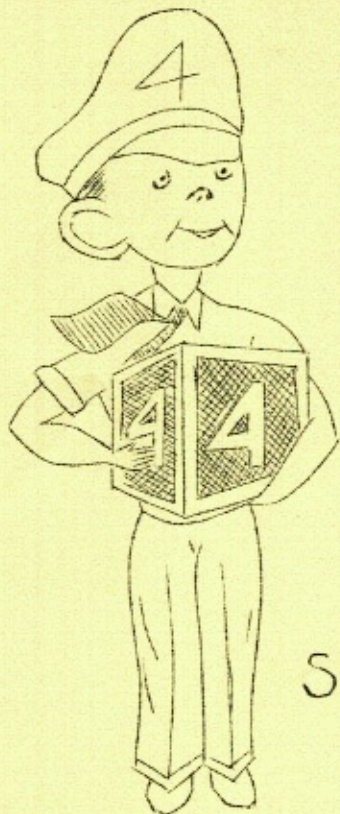
AS THIS HALF YEAR CLOSES, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE NEXT HALF WILL SET A  
 NEW HIGH IN SALES, REBATES AND SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS!

# ADELAIDE COOP STORE

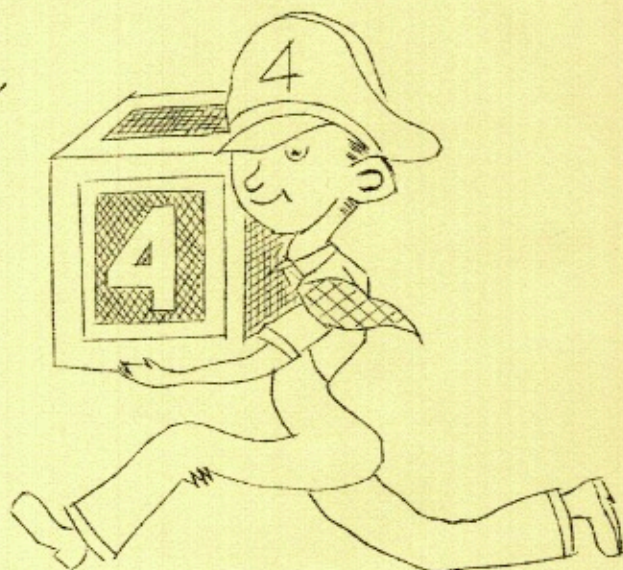
LEIGH CREEK BRANCH ..... 'PHONE L.C. 9



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## CAR CLUB RALLY

An encouraging number of motor enthusiasts drove to the "Clay-Pan," on July 17th. to witness the Car Club's first Rally.

The day was fine, competition keen, and the grounds fast and dust free: many interesting events were witnessed.

In the under 8 Boys Race, young Robbie Kilsby tricked the Handicappers by streaking over the finish line, a clear winner.

In the Girls under 14 Race, Jeanette Gillies proved the speediest of the girls, while in the Boys under 14, J. Turner was first to breast the tape.

In the Car events the name Alan Smith was foremost among the winners. Alan (Grader Operator) Smith won the Drivers' Skill Contest, while Alan (Myrtle Springs) Smith won the keenly contested Flag and Barrel event.

Beverly Reed driving a formidable looking Austin, was the only Lady Driver to successfully negotiate the Balloon Hazard Route for lady drivers.

Diane Brock with some slight assistance from Pop (Tassy), made the Musical Chairs her own special event.

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Mr. & Mrs. W. Spence and Mr. & Mrs. W. Taylor and John, wish to say Thank You.. to all friends, for the offers of help and expressions of sympathy they received following the recent accident.

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## PORT KEMBLA HAS BECOME AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST STEEL CENTRE

Until 1940 the capacity of the Australian iron and steel industry was more than sufficient to supply all local needs except for one or two products such as tin plate. But the great increase in developmental works and general industrial expansion has boosted the demand for steel from under 400 lbs. per head of the population before the war to well over 600 lbs. per head today. Despite a doubling of output since the end of the war the industry can cope only with about 90% of the demand. The balance must be imported from abroad, and at prices greatly in excess of local prices. Since 1948 the steel industry has spent nearly £50 million on new plant and its labour force has been increased by one-third. Three out of every four of these new employees are migrants.

Most of the post-war expansion has been at Port Kembla which has now replaced Newcastle as the greatest ingot steel producing centre in Australia. Within the next two years capacity at Port Kembla, now 1,300,000 tons of ingot steel, will be boosted to 1,700,000 tons as compared with 1,000,000 tons at Newcastle. This should go a long way towards solving the supply problems for most types of steel made in Australia.

The population of Greater Wollongong (which includes Port Kembla) is now over 90,000 or 44% higher than in 1947...this is about the fastest growth of any Australian city.

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