



# ACT Heritage Library Manuscript Collection

## Interview with Stan Goodhew - Timed Summary

STAN GOODHEW - TOPICS	TIMELINE (END)
Introduction – born 1932 in Canberra – desire to become electrical fitter – post war disposal sales – learned on crystal radio sets – good recollection and details – started apprentice Dept of Interior	4:28
Coal supply to Powerhouse – description of coal stockpile – industrial trouble on coalfields in NSW – conveyor belt loader and process of getting coal into hopper – mention of coal stealing to keep warm in workshop – poor quality coal was very smoky and smelled of sulphur much different than rail coal -	9:05
‘Happy Harry’ and coal loading – lived in Queanbeyan – huge loud laughing – loaded labour to load coal onto conveyor belt and handle blockages – description of bucket & belt system for coal loading -	12:46
Boiler room – grubby and dusty room – description of moving grate feed system for boilers – adjusting the safety valves on top of boiler by Tom & Harry Trevillian -	15:59
Economiser room – worked on draft fans – sent to Sydney for major repairs – description of recycling steam and various components -	22:01
Generator (alternator) Hall – very clean very silent – smelled of hot steam & Valvoline oil – polished fittings with ‘blued’ metal parts – description of the steam engines and alternators -	26:43
Brush-Lungstoms – description of double-ended machines – turning the slip rings <i>in-situ</i> – very hard coating left by carbon brushes -	32:10
Pumps – rescuing the river pump from a flood – description of discharge pipe and swimming there	35:15
Chimney – 1952(?) new higher chimney replaced old one for improved draft – cinders in workshop rafters -	37:01

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Transformers – description of earthing job - soldering	39:09
Relation to NSW power – description of various lines & voltages – Goulburn managed the distribution of loads – Kingston shift supervisor had to check with Goulburn to see if Cotter Pumping Station could turn a pump on – other ‘industrial’ loads – mention of few electrical appliances in average house – street lights went off at 10 PM	43:46
Personalities – Tom & Harry Trevillian were Cornish but many Scottish people – Rolly Duffy -	46:35
Accidents – Alf Farrer – running steel conduit and must have got contact with overhead wires – he did come back to work at the Powerhouse – comments on OH&S – hazard of rail trucks rolling length of yard without noise – steam winch for moving trucks – accident with chap walking on tracks and crushed between the cars - Sef Tucker gave first aid – saw the results of the accident – not big news in town -	51:50
Security – plot to bomb the Powerhouse? – no security at all – but during the war Dutchmen were arrested with alleged (and false) plot to steal a plane & bomb the Powerhouse and Parliament House -	55:39
Confiscation of camera by Tom Trevillion – Wally Pederson (Latvian?) keen amateur photographer – had a Leica camera but film was confiscated (overreaction to war years) -	59:10
Migrants in Powerhouse – description of interesting characters but not many migrants -	60:07
Lunch room – none available – lived close and went home for lunch -	60:43
Whistle – uncertain of how they kept the time – speculates that Mt Stromlo observatory	61:39