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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
OF THE
STATE COAL MINES

INCLUDING

THE STATE COAL MINES BALANCE-SHEET AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS DULY AUDITED, ETC.,
FOR THE YEAR 1961-62

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STATE COAL MINES, WONTHAGGI

The Victorian State Coal Mine,
Wonthaggi,
28th September, 1962

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Report, together with the Balance Sheet, and Statement of Accounts, covering the operations of the State Coal Mines, Wonthaggi, for the year ended 30th. June, 1962.

FINANCIAL.

	£	s.	d.
Revenue	259,124	1	10
Working Expenses	537,757	15	9
Deficit, excluding Depreciation of Assets	278,633	13	11
Depreciation of Assets	25,162	10	0
Loss for year 1961-62, after making the necessary allowance for depreciation	303,796	3	11

This loss compares with a loss of £278,551 18s. 10d. for the year 1960-61.

The Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts for the year, and general statement of working of the mines since their inception, are embodied in the appendices attached.

DEPRECIATION FUND.

Including an amount of £25,162 10s. 0d. charged in the working account for the year, all depreciation accrued up to 30th June, 1962, has been brought into account.

With the contribution for the year of £23,000 from the working vote, and £2,162 10s. 0d. from interest on the Depreciation Fund investments, full provision has been made in the Fund for the aggregate amount written off the assets up to 30th June, 1962.

DISPOSITION OF OUTPUT.

The quantity of coal braced during the year was 55,942 tons. After excluding miners' coal, local consumption, allowances and waste, the tonnage disposed of commercially was 38,360 tons 11 cwt. 2 qrs., as shown hereunder :—

	Screened			Unscreened			Slack			Total		
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.
Sold to Railways Department	13,151	2	1	1,166	7	2	19,335	12	0	33,653	1	3
Sold to General Public	3,933	0	3	—	—	—	774	9	0	4,707	9	3
	17,084	3	0	1,166	7	2	20,110	1	0	38,360	11	2

LABOUR.

I am pleased to report that there were no stoppages throughout the year due to industrial causes. The mines were in production for 231 days.

The number of employees at 30th June, 1962, was :—

Miners	Others	Total
134	185	319

At 30th June, 1961 the number was :—

147	207	354
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There was thus a decrease of 13 Miners, and 22 other grades.

Amongst contract miners absenteeism from all causes increased by approximately 1·16 per cent., being 11·00 per cent. for the year 1961–62, compared with 9·84 per cent in 1960–61.

The net average daily earnings of contract miners for the year was 104/11·53d. compared with 99/9·00d. per shift for the financial year 1960–61. The average daily wage of other adult employees, working underground, for the last fortnight of the financial year was 82/4·05d. compared with 80/1·77d. for the corresponding period in the previous year.

Since the granting of Long Service Leave in September, 1951, 249 employees have enjoyed six months leave on full pay.

I am pleased to report that there were no fatal accidents during the year.

INDUSTRIAL.

In July, 1961, the Coal Industry Tribunal adopted the decision of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission in respect of the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1961, and awarded all employees in the coal industry an increase of 12/- per week in the base rate, operative from 9.7.1961.

BORING.

No further boring was carried out during this financial year.

The gross reserves of all pits, together with unworked areas near Western Area and Eastern Area, now stand at 6,494,000 tons, an actual reduction of 148,000 tons, which figure includes about 8,000 tons of coal in the West Area Little Tunnel section excised from the estimates.

NO. 20 SHAFT.

Operations in this pit were terminated on 23rd March, 1962. Maximum extraction had been achieved from this area when workings were finalised at the shaft pillar.

WESTERN AREA.

North Section :—Pillar extraction was finalised at the end of the financial year.

East Section :—Sanatorium parties are engaged in the extraction of pillars in this section.

West Dip :—Longwall operations are continuing in both the Top and Bottom Seams.

KIRRAK AREA.

Pit room, in this area, had increased slightly, with the result that thirteen (13) contract parties are now accommodated.

Faulting still prevails the workings, and this has its effect on the output, and cost of operations.

The tonnage won in this area during the financial year was 20,364 tons.

ELECTRICAL PLANT.

The Power Station, and mine electrical plant, has been maintained in good order and efficient working condition.

The units generated during the year were 11,033,960, compared with 11, 333,680 in the previous year. The decrease in consumption was due to the closing of No. 20 Shaft pit during the year. The units to the town have continued to increase, and, to a large extent, have offset the decrease in the mine consumption.

As a result of negotiations with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, in connection with the taking over of the mine power station, the Commission has intimated that, whilst it is not prepared to take over the station, skilled power station tradesman, for turbine and boiler overhauls, would be provided by the Commission should our maintenance staff retirements make this necessary.

WORKSHOPS.

The workshops plant has been maintained in good order and condition. The bulk of our repairs and maintenance work, for the mines and power station, has been carried out in the workshops. However, due to shortage of tradesmen, it has been necessary to have some of our work carried out in the Railways workshops.

RESCUE STATION.

The Rescue Station has been maintained in an efficient state. Practices have been held weekly throughout the year, and the equipment has been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The regular membership is now twelve (12), all of whom have qualified for Examiners' and Shotfirers' Certificates, and are fully trained for rescue work.

All of the equipment is in very good order, and is ready for any emergency.

GENERAL.

The 12/- per week basic wage increase awarded from 9th July, 1961 cost £11,800. Cessation of operations at No. 20 Shaft on March 23rd, 1962, had an adverse effect on revenue. This was due to the placement of miners from this mine in other areas which were less productive and more costly.

Additional loss of revenue was caused by the decrease in the work force of 13 miners during the year, and the continuance of faulted conditions in Kirrak Area.

Attention is drawn to the heavy commitment on mining operations by the year's contribution of £40,500 to the Coal Mine Workers' Pension Fund.

Intense competition within the fuel industry has retarded sales to consumers, other than the Railways Department, and some Public Departments.

Disposal of burnt shale resulted in a return of £3,588 for the year's operations.

In conclusion, I wish to record my appreciation of the assistance given by yourselves during the year, also the loyalty and co-operation of the Mine administrative, clerical, and other Officials of the staff.

J. BYRNE,
General Manager.

The Victorian Railways Commissioners,
MELBOURNE.

STATE COAL MINES
WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1962.

1962		£	s.	d.	1962		£	s.	d.
June 30th.	To Working Expenses	537,757	15	9	June 30th.	By Sale of Coal	179,856	6	7
						Sundry Receipts	79,267	15	3
						Balance carried to Profit and Loss Account	278,633	13	11
		£537,757 15 9					£537,757 15 9		

N.B.—The Revenue shown in the Working Account above includes proceeds from the sale of coal to the Railways Department at prices determined by that Department.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1962.

1962		£	s.	d.	1962		£	s.	d.
June 30th.	To Balance transferred from Working Account	278,633	13	11	June 30th.	By Balance (Loss for the year)	303,796	3	11
	Depreciation	25,162	10	0					
		£303,796 3 11					£303,796 3 11		

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STATE COAL MINES
CAPITAL STATEMENT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1962.

Receipts.								Expenditure.					
				£	s.	d.							
Loan Funds provided under Act 2429	...	100,000	0 0				General Capital	...	11,250	11 0			
Loan Funds provided under Act 2630	...	150,000	0 0				Horses and Ponies	...	54	0 0			
Loan Funds provided under Act 4670	...	60,000	0 0				General Pits; ...	...	7,237	9 6			
Loan Funds provided under Act 4763	...	44,000	0 0	354,000	0 0		Western Area ...	...	31,386	7 2			
							Eastern Area ...	...	1,299	3 0	OCR.		
Funds provided from Unemployment Relief Fund	...			24,500	0 0		General Electrical Capital	...	43,581	11 6			
Funds provided in the State Coal Mines Depreciation Fund				1,259,941	9 4		Kirrak Area ...	...	218,599	3 2			
				1,638,441	9 4		Present book value of Assets	...			310,809	19 4	
Less : Depreciation and Flotation Expenses written off—							Discounts, and Expenses on Loans	...			640	16 5	
Depreciation	...	1,259,941	9 4				Balance—Funds at Treasury :						
Flotation Expenses	...	601	8 2	1,260,542	17 6		Depreciation Fund—						
							Cash	...	16,447	16 1			∞
							Investment	...	50,000	0 0	66,447	16 1	
				£377,898	11 10						£377,898	11 10	

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GENERAL COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MINE TO THE 30th JUNE, 1962.

1 Year	2 Capital Raised	3 Capital Expended	4 Coal Raised	5 Revenue Receipts (h)	6 Revenue Expenditure	7 Revenue Surplus	8 Deficit	9 10		11 Sinking Fund	12 Wages Paid	13 Interest Paid on Capital	14 Average Number of Employees	15 Miners' Net Average Earnings per Shift	16 Estimated Coal Reserves
								Depreciation							
								Amount Written Off the Value of the Assets and Charged to Profit and Loss	Net Surplus Interest and Other Contribut'ns. to the S.C.M. Depreciat'n. Fund	Contribut'ns Provided from Working Expenses					
1909-10 ...	£ 36,000	£ 35,906	Tons 41,274	£ 24,861	£ 46,695	£ ...	£ 21,834	£ ...	£ ...	£ ...	£ 37,112	£ ...	900	s. d. 14 4-00	Million Ton 20
1910-11 ...	141,000	95,730	396,042	171,766	160,459	11,307	...	5,745	8,525	7,050	145,407	2,468	946	13 1-00	20
1911-12 ...	161,605 ^a	167,701	470,261	198,762	207,579	...	8,817	10,709	5,965	7,942	175,274	4,303	1,191	13 8-00	26
1912-13 ...	203,866	203,956	462,559	213,174	205,980	7,194	...	25,546	10,697	9,000	145,419	6,107	939	13 5-51	28
1913-14 ...	225,141	220,316	510,490	239,298	237,599	1,699	...	25,000	26,665	9,578	158,812	6,332	1,011	13 11-49	28
1914-15 ...	250,000	241,356	567,057	268,105	256,629	11,476	...	33,000	47,716	10,800	178,086	8,436	1,130	13 11-64	28
1915-16 ...	250,000	241,084	452,798	246,000	243,224	2,776	...	30,954	34,566	10,760	159,027	8,804	1,015	14 6-16	28
1916-17 ...	250,000	240,816	372,007	242,918	263,548	...	20,630	25,000	5,075	...	197,694	8,803	1,161	16 2-10	19
1917-18 ...	250,000	240,653	382,867	294,538	289,379	5,159	...	25,000	29,317	...	228,506	8,804	1,226	17 7-56	16
1918-19 ...	250,000	240,239	343,318	285,099	293,510	...	8,411	27,000	18,099	177	242,530	8,804	1,255	17 10-01	16
1919-20 ...	250,000	240,225	424,985	426,405 ^c	405,343	21,062	...	30,000	51,738	6,236	322,516	8,804	1,390	20 5-19	15
1920-21 ...	250,000	240,218	368,239	426,659	423,818	2,841	...	32,000	17,810	6,236	319,224	8,804	1,193	24 3-64	15
1921-22 ...	250,000	240,033	504,165	567,404	549,017	18,387	...	36,000	71,650	12,472	420,633	8,804	1,554	26 2-64	18
1922-23 ...	250,000	240,033	424,126	461,978	467,290	...	5,312	30,000	23,516	...	362,464	8,804	1,566	25 7-30	19
1923-24 ...	250,000	240,033	499,010	559,758	555,803	3,955 ^b	...	30,000	34,577	6,236	446,786	8,956	1,596	25 10-20	21
1924-25 ...	250,000	250,000	405,695	500,232	499,964	268 ^d	...	30,000	31,956	6,236	429,254	9,148	1,688	26 11-30	17
1925-26 ...	250,000	250,000	495,864	540,295	539,754	541 ^e	...	34,000	35,585	6,236	474,861	9,667	1,821	27 2-91	16½
1926-27 ...	250,000	250,000	612,269	687,365	678,591	8,774	...	56,000	41,345	12,472	479,195	9,671	1,540	26 6-03	15½
1927-28 ...	250,000	250,000	596,032	735,750	720,697	15,053	...	55,000	76,221	...	490,950	9,674	1,543	27 11-56	16¼
1928-29 ...	250,000	250,000	635,103	812,969	782,394	30,575	...	55,000	49,157	6,180	498,961	3,820	1,615	17 3-75	15½
1929-30 ...	250,000	250,000	662,159	849,808	773,603	76,205 ^f	...	35,000	135,094	6,428	546,111	3,572	1,776	23 0-73	14½
1930-31 ...	250,000	250,000	565,444	558,781	580,106	...	21,325	30,000	27,284	6,685	447,551	3,315	1,774	24 9-85	14
1931-32 ...	250,000	250,000	526,278	421,233	509,347	...	88,114	30,000	5,056	6,952	376,728	3,048	1,668	24 9-98	13½
1932-33 ...	250,000	250,000	320,675	225,536	315,390	...	89,854	30,000	5,425	7,230	210,857	2,770	1,328 ^g	20 6-00	13
1933-34 ...	250,000	250,000	316,526	211,339	288,473	...	77,134	10,000 ^l	5,425	7,520	204,407	2,480	1,330 ^g	20 9-00	12½

1934-35	...	250,000	250,000	384,778	245,556	335,474	...	89,918	10,000 ^m	5,421	7,820	246,972	2,180	1,100 ^g	20	5.55	13	
1935-36	...	250,000	250,000	366,002	231,024	317,906	...	86,882	10,000	5,409	8,133	249,227	1,867	1,150 ^g	21	5.72	10½	
1936-37	...	250,000	250,000	247,451	164,610	298,146	...	133,536	10,000	5,037	8,459	214,182	1,541	1,140 ^g	21	4.53 ^j	10½	
1937-38	...	250,000	250,000	270,575	195,524	349,401	...	153,877	10,000	4,063	8,797	247,034	1,203	1,326 ^g	21	11.65 ^k	9½	
1938-39	...	274,500	273,354	260,831	203,881	328,128	...	124,247	10,000	1,342	9,149	228,354	851	1,317 ^g	22	5.92	9½	
1939-40	...	334,500	298,410	220,587	196,210	282,591	...	86,381	10,000	1	9,515	212,771	485	1,352 ^g	23	2.29	9	
1940-41	...	334,500	323,462	280,570	270,734	392,282	...	121,548	10,000	...	2,615	308,954	105	1,201 ^g	25	10.41	8½	
1941-42	...	378,500	339,663	282,551	343,486	456,744	...	113,258	17,706	5,000	5,706	346,470	2,294	1,129 ^g	29	9.68	6½	
1942-43	...	378,500	344,117	259,592	410,867	487,701	...	76,834	17,706	16,000	4,560	369,205	3,440	1,069 ^g	31	9.90	6½	
1943-44	...	378,500	345,673	234,871	389,806	472,692	...	82,886	20,000	15,316	4,719	347,648	3,281	1,032 ^g	33	1.69	6½	
1944-45	...	378,500	346,110	228,431	395,522	474,119	...	78,597	20,353	20,291	4,884	358,460	3,116	989 ^g	33	10.72	9	
1945-46	...	378,500	346,609	191,880	322,061	417,736	...	95,675	20,517	20,517	5,055	306,433	2,944	871 ^g	34	3.35	9	
1946-47	...	378,500	346,806	161,431	275,472	367,915	...	92,443	20,978	20,978	5,232	277,544	2,768	764 ^g	34	3.54	8½	
1947-48	...	378,500	347,030	165,827	298,871	430,589	...	131,718	21,275	21,275	5,416	332,727	2,584	776 ^g	40	3.77	8½	
1948-49	...	378,500	360,748	140,000	349,418	460,795	...	111,377	21,638	21,638	5,605	351,266	2,395	714 ^g	47	9.22	8½	
1949-50	...	378,500	373,672	128,333	362,856	447,059	...	84,203	16,837	16,837	5,801	334,529	2,199	733 ^g	52	3.86	8½	
1950-51	...	378,500	376,324	121,640	389,128	512,922	...	123,794	16,775	16,775	6,004	385,970	1,996	720 ^g	55	11.71	8½	
1951-52	...	378,500	378,500	132,205	534,221	684,702	...	130,481	21,789	21,789	6,214	534,089	1,786	762 ^g	69	0.10	8	
1952-53	...	378,500	378,500	140,348	749,189	886,473	...	137,284	21,225	21,225	6,432	692,571	1,568	833 ^g	76	1.74	7½	
1953-54	...	378,500	378,500	133,111	752,989	896,828	...	143,839	23,652	23,652	6,657	693,961	1,343	758 ^g	77	2.01	7½	
1954-55	...	378,500	378,500	126,081	750,599	827,148	...	76,549	23,762	23,762	6,890	637,379	1,110	676 ^g	81	7.12	7½	
1955-56	...	378,500	378,500	105,972	592,803	763,187	...	170,384	24,975	24,975	7,131	591,939	869	639 ^g	87	7.53	7	
1956-57	...	378,500	378,500	105,971	509,615	806,844	...	297,229	24,975	24,975	7,381	606,950	619	582 ^g	92	10.65	7	
1957-58	...	378,500	378,500	98,481	463,171	769,210	...	306,039	24,975	24,975	7,639	567,540	361	529 ^g	94	1.14	6½	
1958-59	...	378,500	378,500	89,091	412,871	649,955	...	237,084	24,975	24,975	2,671	475,248	94	411 ^g	93	10.31	6½	
1959-60	...	378,500	378,500	80,969	374,820	610,574	...	235,754	24,975	24,975	...	440,418	...	393 ^g	99	5.05	6½	
1960-61	...	378,500	378,500	73,636	349,916	625,957	...	276,041	25,111	25,111	...	451,334	...	354 ^g	99	9.00	6½	
1961-62	...	378,500	378,500	55,942	261,687	562,920	...	301,633	25,163	25,163	...	422,224	...	319 ^g	104	11.53	6½	
		Less Depreciation Fund Interest.		16,442,400	20,986,940	25,210,190	217,272	4,440,922	1,260,316	1,259,941	310,911	18,929,763	207,197					
				102,229	102,229										
				20,884,711	25,210,190	...	217,272	4,543,151										
				Deficit to date.		...	4,325,879	...										
						...	4,543,151	4,543,151										

(a) £7,950 repaid from Sinking Fund.

(b) Inclusive of a subsidy of £35,625 (of which the sum of £1,040 14s. 6d. was repaid in 1927-28, and the balance in 1928-29) made to the Mine by the Railway Department and exclusive of which there was a loss in working of £51,670.

(c) Including £25,382 to adjust short payments to the Mine in former years.

(d) Inclusive of a subsidy of £80,000 (of which the sum of £37,267 15s. 10d. was re-paid in 1926-27, and the balance in 1927-28), made to the Mine by the Railways Department and exclusive of which there was a loss in working of £79,732, including £37,000 spent towards rehabilitating McBride Tunnel.

(e) Inclusive of a subsidy of £25,000 (repaid in 1928-29) made to the Mine by the Railway Department and exclusive of which there was a loss in working of £24,459.

(f) Exclusive of £50,000 appropriated to Consolidated Revenue by Act No. 3838, see Annual Report 1929-30.

(g) Prior to the 30th June, 1932, the number shown is the average number of employees for the year. Since that date the number given is the number of persons employed on the last day of the financial year.

(h) Includes interest earned on Depreciation Fund investments.

(i) To 15th May, 1937. Shift rates in lieu of contract rates operative at all pits (excluding Western Area) as from 17th May, 1937, in accordance with State Coal Mine Tribunal Award No. 37.

(k) Contract rates from 25th October, 1937, to 25th June, 1938. Shiftwork rates operative (excluding Western Area) until 21st October, 1937, average net earnings per shift for year, 20s. 9.37d.

(l) Includes £275 depreciation on Stores on hand.

(m) Includes £100 depreciation on Stores on hand.