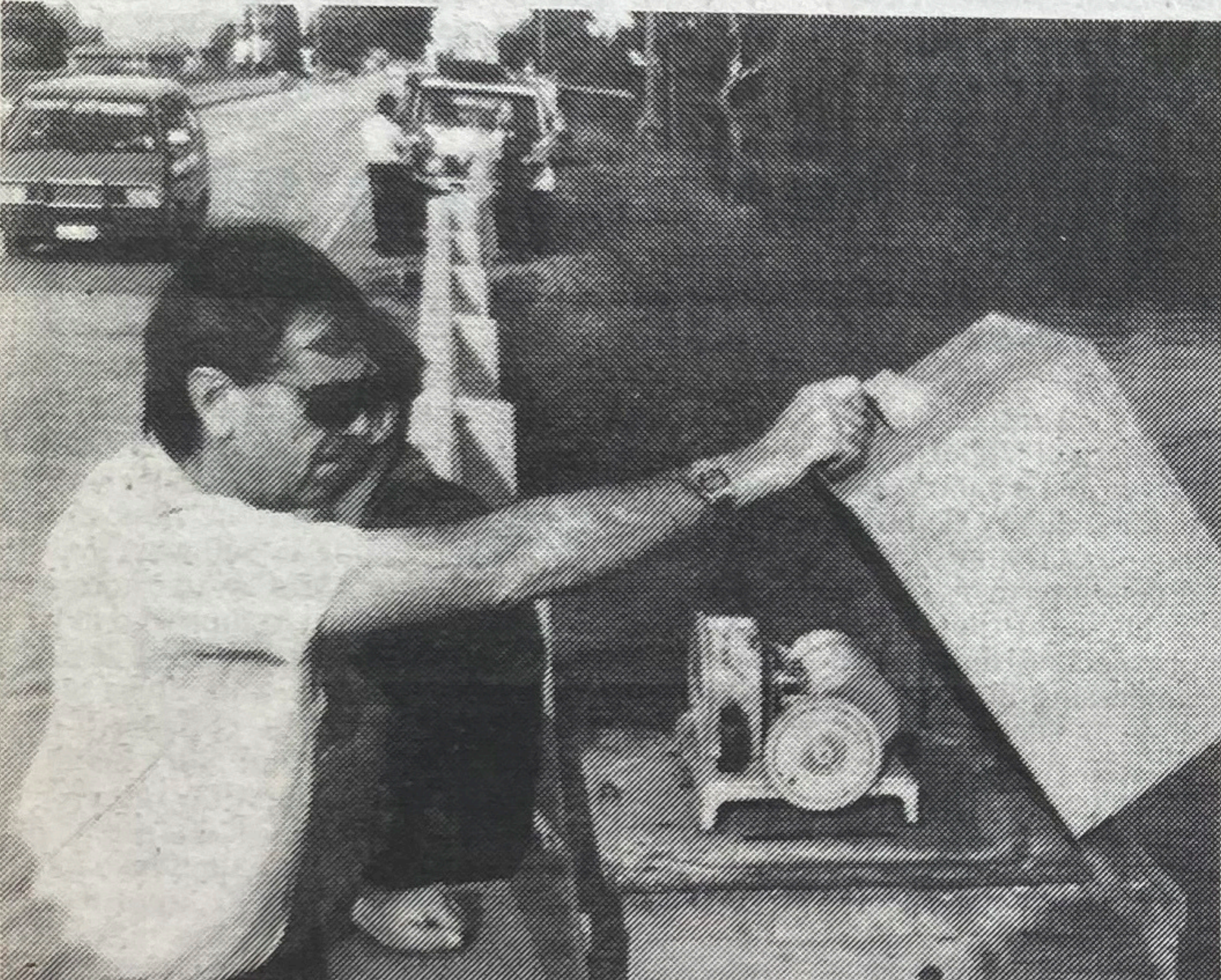




The swollen Loddon River and associated streams have inundated thousands of hectares of farmlands.



Rural Water Corporation official, Mr Ross Frantz, checks an instrument which plotted the rise of the Loddon River at Kerang.

Water everywhere



Floodwaters have turned the Town Swamp area on Kerang's western boundary into a large lake.



Lignum in the Dartagook State Forest, north-east of Lake Charm, is choking a floodpath outlet, according to local farmer, Mr Dave McFarlane, who believes clearing only a small section would hasten the passage of floodwaters and ease the pressure on local farmers.

Sandbags help save family's home

THE Wilkinson family appears to have escaped any major flood damage at their Weir road property near Kerang.

Situated near the junction of the Loddon River and the Pyramid Creek, the family's property was in grave danger of being submerged in flood waters earlier this week as the level of the Pyramid Creek was heightened by water backing up from the swollen Loddon River.

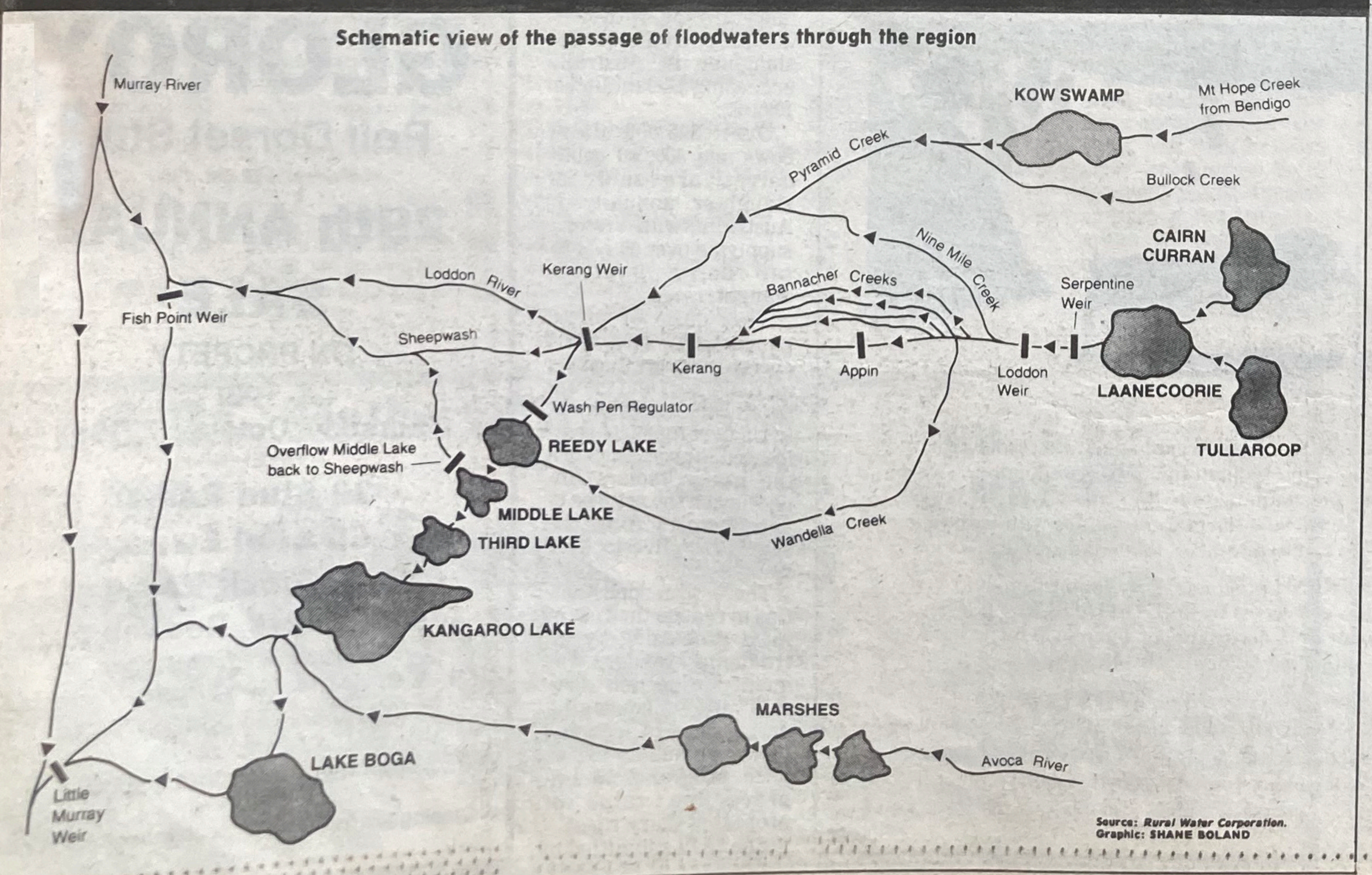
A family friend, Mr Alan Finch said the only water to encroach onto the property was seepage water from the built-up levees and extra sandbags that had been added to them.

A side-cut constructed to relieve seepage water from one end of the property had directed water to a channel where it was pumped back into the Pyramid Creek.

Mr Finch said there were small patches of seepage water at various parts of the property, with the area significantly affected being the chook house where about 10 cm of water had forced the house's feathered residents to a higher perch.

He said the water level in the creek had risen significantly, rising 15 cm in less than two days on Saturday.

WHERE THE WATER FLOWS



The gauge downstream of the Loddon River bridges at Kerang show the comparison of Monday's peak with five previously higher peaks.