

Cain the centre of attention

THE Premier, Mr Cain, yesterday opened a new transport and shopping centre at Box Hill — and took the opportunity to put in a plug for the ALP.

"After all these false promises and dummy runs by previous governments, it's taken a Labor Government to make it really happen," Mr Cain said to resounding applause from shoppers.

And in the spirit of consensus, he said the \$60 million complex was "a product of a close working relationship between the Victorian Government and private enterprise."

Box Hill Central is an impressive complex combining 100 shops and offices with a transport centre serviced by trains, buses, taxis and private cars — all under the one roof.

Mr Cain said it was the first of its kind in Australia and was completed in 11 months within the set budget.

It was first proposed — and



● **THE quickest customer at the new transport centre at Box Hill yesterday was Premier John Cain, who shows the first ticket bought.**

officially opened — by then premier Sir Henry Bolte in 1970.

But work did not finish on the complex until a Labor Government was elected, Mr Cain said.

"This project's had a spectacular history — certainly it's meant years of frustration by the long-suffering people of this region," he said.

The transport centre will service 15,000 commuters a day and includes rail plat-

forms eight metres underground, 500 basement car parking spaces and bus interchange facilities on the roof.

Mr Cain, who arrived at the centre by train, said he could see how easy the combined transport and shopping facilities made life for shoppers.

And after buying the first ticket from the new ticket box, he and his entourage took the escalator to the roof and left by bus.