

# MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Welcome to the November Newsletter*

#### *End-of-Year Dinner*

This will be held on **Tuesday, November 17**, at *Silvers Restaurant*, Hazelwood Rd, Morwell, at **6.30 pm**. **Cost: \$15.50** a head, drinks at bar prices. Members Faye and Boyd Thompson will present slides of their travels in New Zealand. Friends and visitors are most welcome. Please contact Elsie McMaster (51341149) by **Thursday, November 12** if you plan to attend.

#### *Books for Sale*

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a pamphlet advertising **three** excellent books of interest to historians. If you would like to take advantage of the discounts offered, please contact Elsie McMaster - we can order multiple copies through the Society.

#### *ISDE Display*

Our Society will present a display of historical photos during the International Six Day Enduro championships to be held shortly. We have 'adopted a shop' in Commercial Road to show the photos. This will be in addition to the *Transport* display in our rooms at the same time. The Information Centre will be open between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November and on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November - the two weekends of the Enduro.

This will be our last Newsletter for 1998. We hope to see you at the end-of-year dinner. The President and Committee wish all members and their families a safe and relaxing holiday season and we look forward to your company again next year!



## TRIVIA!

Well, it's the time of year for exams, so here's a little test for you. The answers appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

1. The cairn beside the Hazelwood Pondage commemorates 100 years of Government-funded education in Morwell Shire. It stands on the site of:

- a) Hazelwood North Primary School
- b) Hazelwood South Primary School
- c) Hazelwood Ridge Primary School

2. Which products had the following slogans:

- "A light with every strike".....
- "You'll go better on a ....."
- "You can feel it doing you good!".....

3. The Education Act of 1889

- a) raised the school leaving age from 13 to 15 years.
- b) lowered the school leaving age from 15 to 13 years

4. A football match between Morwell and Thorpdale in the 1880s was declared a draw even though Thorpdale kicked 2 goals 11 behinds and Morwell kicked 2 goals 5 behinds. The reason was:

- a) behinds didn't count in the score in those days
- b) the umpire walked off at half time

5. At the 1929 Morwell Shire Jubilee celebrations, Mr Norman Sharpe won

- a) the Jubilee Sprint
- b) the men's motor car reversing championship
- c) the competition for the best dressed gentleman

6. Electricity generation from Morwell Power Station began in

- a) 1950   b) 1958   c) 1961

7. What are the present names of these Gippsland towns and river?

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 12 Mile Peg.....     | Waterloo.....        |
| Brown Coal Mine..... | Flooding Creek.....  |
| Hobson's Bridge..... | Glengarry River..... |
| The 42nd.....        | Stockyard Creek..... |

8. When did the Blue Ensign officially become the national flag of Australia

- a) 1901   b) 1937   c) 1953

9. Morwell's first reticulated water supply came from

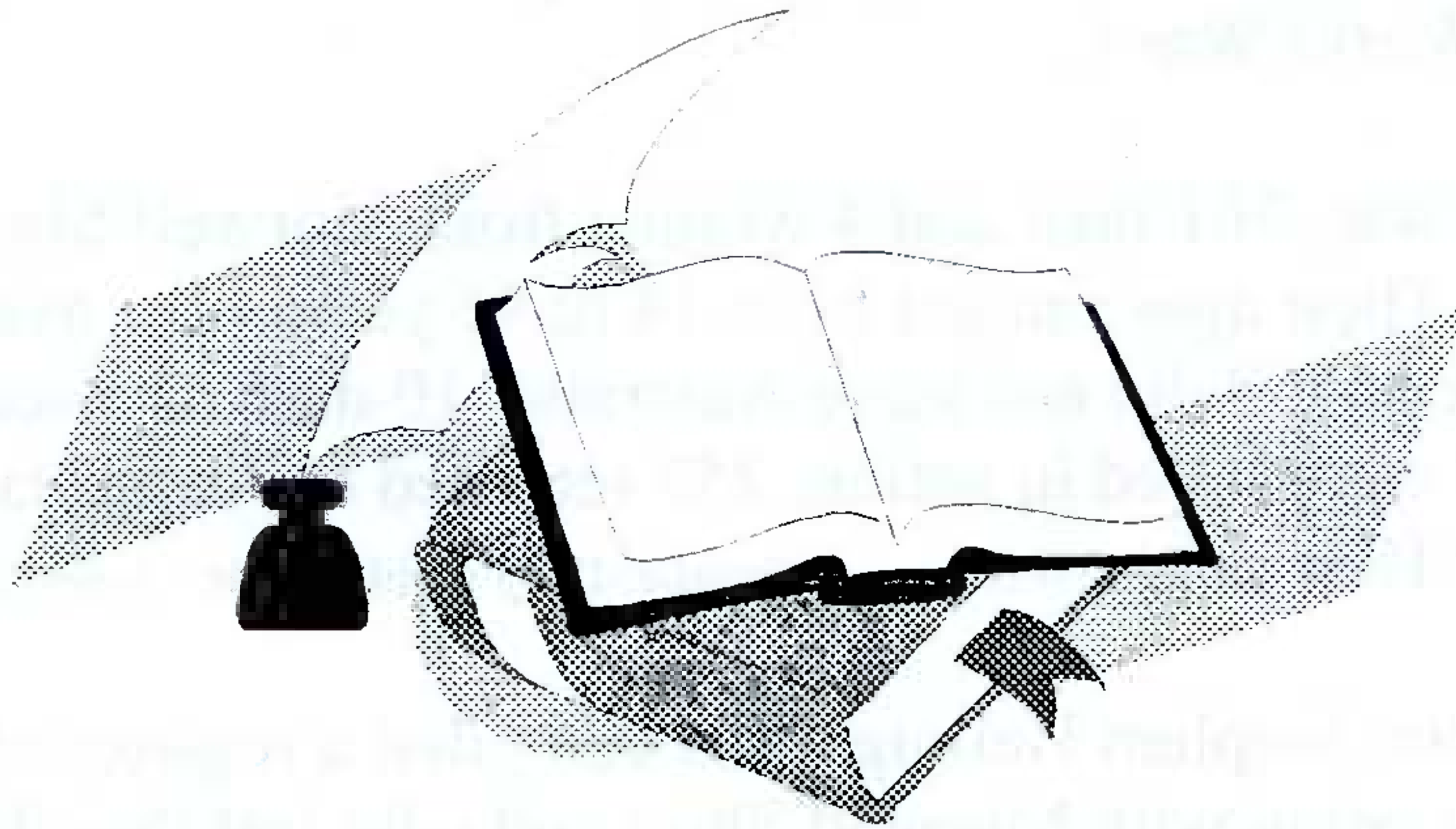
- a) Morwell River   b) Billy's Creek   c) Tyers River

10. This man was born in a residence attached to a butcher's shop in Tarwin St, Morwell

- a) John Flynn   b) Sir John Monash   c) General Sir Stanly Savige



# ***FROM THE PRESIDENT'S FACT FILE:***



## ***MORWELL'S NEWSPAPERS.***

The MORWELL & MIRBOO GAZETTE was first printed on 6th. October 1885 by Mr. Charles PITT-NIND, it consisted of four pages that were hand-set using lead type.

The GAZETTE ( date of name change uncertain ) office was situated in Station Street (now Princes Drive) next to the METHODIST church which is now the former site of JEPHCOTT's the Jewellers. In 1916 the GAZETTE was owned by a Mr. GILL, in that year he sold the paper to Mr. WATSON of the ADVERTISER.

The MORWELL ADVOCATE and BOOLARRA and MIRBOO CHRONICLE was first published on 30th. October 1886, the publishers were W. SECOMBE and W. KEMP. The paper changed its name to THE ADVERTISER in 1887. Mr. BERT TURNLEY took over the paper in July 1888, he sold to Messrs GUEST and STEPHENS circa 1896. The office was situated in Commercial Road near Chapel Street. On 31st. July 1912 a fire destroyed four buildings in the area, the ADVERTISER premises was one of them, all back issues of the paper housed in the building were lost. The ADVERTISER bought out the GAZETTE in 1916.

Mr GEORGE WATSON who had been editor of the paper for nearly fifty years died in 1942, his son ( another George ) sold the paper to J. G. LAWLESS in 1944. The ADVERTISER ceased publishing in May 1972.

The LATROBE VALLEY EXPRESS was established in 1965 by Mr. PATRICK HEGARTY, it was bought out by the Elliott Group of newspapers in 1968.

Source: Steamhorse to Power, pages: various.



## ARMISTICE DAY

**November 11** marks the 80th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities at the end of World War 1.

During that war, 361 men and 4 women from Morwell Shire volunteered for service. Their ages ranged from 18 to 44 years - the average age was 24. Of these 361, 9 did not leave Australia, 10 died of disease, 17 died of wounds, 49 were killed in action, 257 returned to Australia and the fate of the other 19 is unknown. Source: **Duty Nobly Done** - John Pearson.

Our President, Stephen Hellings, has compiled a register of the men who had an association with Morwell Shire and who lost their lives as a result of war service. These may have enlisted elsewhere but are connected in some way with our locality - many are recorded on local memorials. The first part of the Register records the men's personal details and war service. The second part is devoted to newspaper articles and notices concerning the servicemen. Entitled '*Lest We Forget*', it will be available for reference at the Information Centre.

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### INVITATION

**Mirboo and District Historical Society** invites members to attend an **Armistice Day 80th Anniversary commemoration on Wednesday November 11, at 7.30pm** in the Historical Society's rooms, Shire Chambers, Mirboo North. Guest speaker will be Mr Raymond Rhodes who will speak on the Dam Busters raid over Germany in May 1943, by 617 Squadron, RAF.

If you would like to attend, please contact Elsie McMaster (51341149) by Monday November 9 so that we can reply to the invitation.

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### TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Hazelwood Ridge P.S.
2. Bryant and May matches; a Malvern Star (bicycle); Bonnington's Irish Moss cough mixture
3. lowered the leaving age
4. behinds didn't count then (and they played 20 men a side)
5. the men's motor car reversing championship 6. 1958
7. Boolarra ..... Trafalgar  
Yallourn North ..... Sale  
Traralgon..... Latrobe River  
Cowwarr ..... Foster
8. 1953 9. Billy's Creek 10. General Sir Stanley Savige