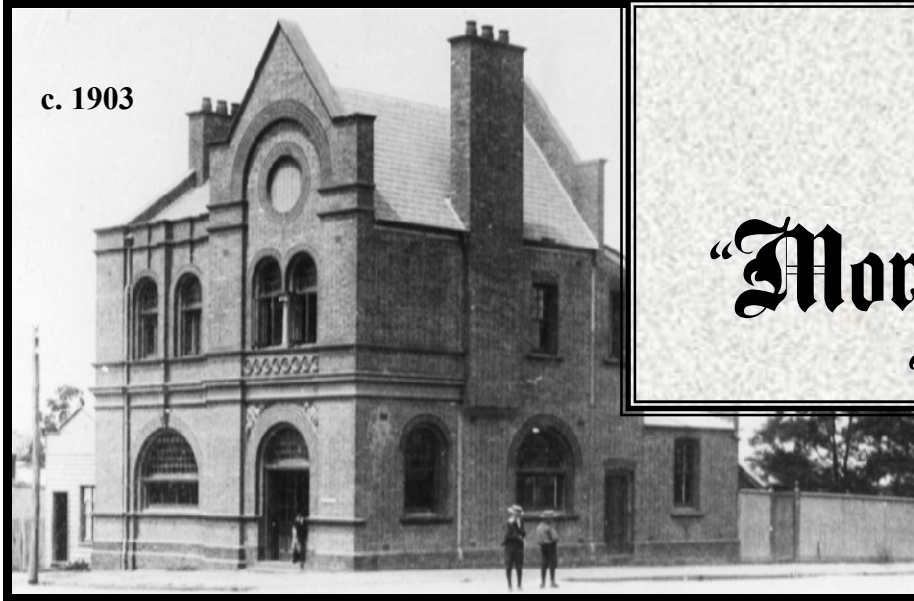


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## OFFICE BEARERS 2009

At the Annual General Meeting held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the following office bearers were elected:



**Leonie Pryde** – President  
**Alan Davey** – Vice-President and Treasurer  
**Bruce McMaster**- Archivist  
**Stephen Hellings**-Newsletter Editor  
**Kellie Bertrand**-Webmaster

Ordinary Committee Members: **Carol Smith, Graeme Cornell**

Acquisition Committee – **Barry Osborne, Graeme Cornell, Joyce Cleary**

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There were no nominations for the position of Secretary, which remains vacant. Correspondence can be sent c/- former Secretary **Elsie McMaster** until further notice.

Meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm, and annual membership fees remain at \$17.00 single membership, \$20.00 couple or family.

**Elsie McMaster**

# Morwell Advertiser

14<sup>th</sup>. July 1966

## PIONEER SPENT HIS 84 YEARS IN MORWELL

Mr Arthur Porter, of Bolding's Road Hazelwood North, who spent the whole of his 84 years of life in Morwell district, passed away at the Traralgon Hospital on Sunday.

He was born in Morwell on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1881, and received his education at the Morwell State School- now the Commercial Road State School.

After leaving school he took up farming with his parents at "Maryvale Park" which was situated in Porter's Road, near where the Gas and Fuel Corporation works are now situated.

He stayed there until the land was taken over by the Gascor in 1949. He used the farm for dairying and cattle grazing.

### BOUGHT PROPERTY

Mr. Porter then purchased a property in Bolding's Road from Mr Frank Bolding, and used this land for purposes similar to Maryvale Park. As Mr Porter's wife had died the previous year, he shared the property with his son Robert and his wife Elizabeth.

He remained at the Bolding's Road property until his death.

Mr Porter married Miss Jane Copeland of Traralgon, in the Traralgon Presbyterian Church in 1911. There were five children, all of whom, with the exception of one son, George, are still living.

Those to survive their father are Robert (Hazelwood North), Isobel (Mrs. J. Clyne, Maffra), Jessie (Mrs E. Vinning, Parkdale), and Heather, Mrs A. Walsh, Armadale).

Mr. Porter was essentially a family man and a farmer. Apart from a keen interest in the Presbyterian Church, he did not take very much part in public affairs.

He was the youngest of a family of 11 children and the last surviving member.

Although he did not take a great interest in sport he was a very capable draughts player and was a member of the now defunct Morwell Draughts Club.

He was a member of the Traralgon Agricultural Society and for a short time, was on the board of the Traralgon Butter Factory.

## LOVED MORWELL

His friends have described him as 'a man who loved Morwell and Hazelwood and who hated to have been compelled to leave the district after the Gascor took over his property.'

The pine and other trees which surrounded the old homestead can still be seen on the S.E.C. switchyard, adjacent to Porter's Road.

Mr. Porter's funeral took place at Hazelwood Cemetery on Tuesday.



Hazelwood Cemetery

Thursday, July 2, 1953



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# Morwell Advertiser

3<sup>rd</sup>. September 1909

## MORWELL SHIRE COUNCIL



### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

#### CR. HALL RE-ELECTED

A special meeting of the local Shire Council was held on Tuesday last, for the purpose of electing a President for ensuing year, when there was a full council present. The newly elected councillors (Crs. Manning and McLean) having been duly sworn, took their seats at the table.

Mr. Sinclair occupied the chair and having explained the object of the meeting, asked for a motion fixing the President's allowance.

Cr. Roy moved and Cr. Burnside seconded: That the allowance be £25 as formerly.

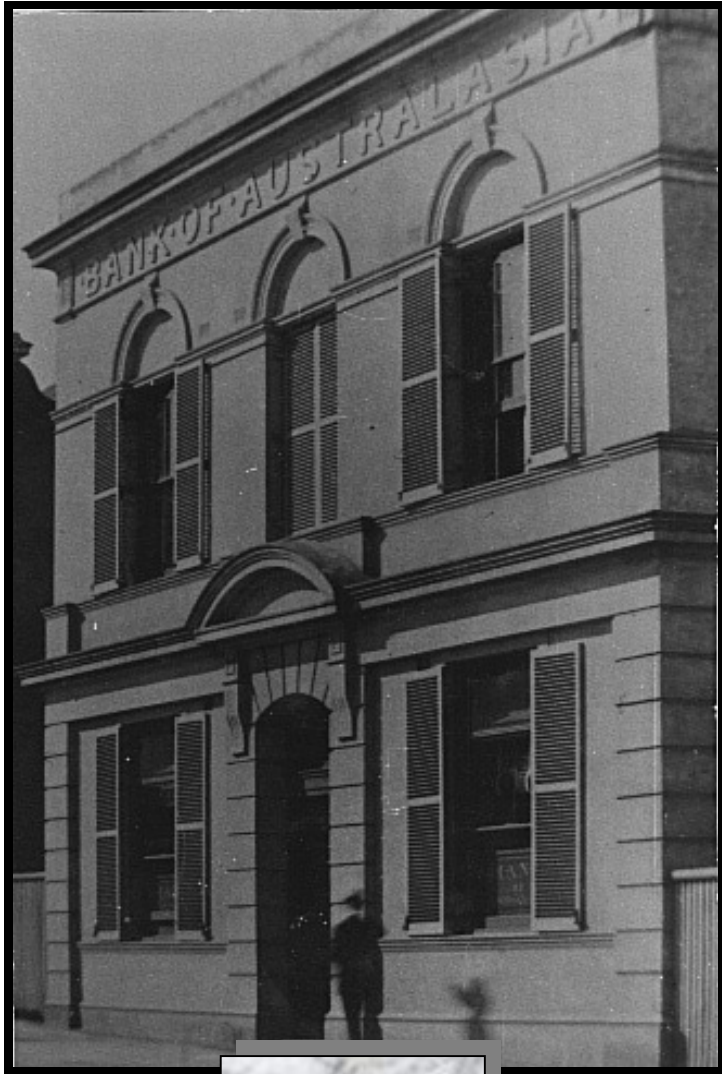
Cr. Manning moved an amendment that the allowance be £15, which he considered ample. He thought the other £10 would be better spent on the roads. The proposition, however, lapsed for the want of a seconder, and the motion was duly carried.

Cr. Buckley moved and Cr. Roy seconded: That Cr. Hall be re-elected President. There was no further nomination, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On taking the chair, Cr. Hall thanked his colleagues for the honor conferred upon him in re-electing him to the Presidential chair. He assured them he would do his utmost to keep a tight rein on the finances and strive to carry out the duties pertaining to the office to the satisfaction of the council and the ratepayers generally. All the councillors congratulated Cr. Hall upon his election and said he was the right man in the right place, and had their entire confidence.

During the meeting Crs. McLean and Manning were congratulated upon their election, and the good wishes expressed were suitably acknowledged.

# Bank of Australasia – ANZ Bank



c. 1930



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The Morwell branch of the Bank of Australasia was established in 1888.

The two-storey building featured on this page dates from 1904.

The Bank of Australasia and the ANZ Bank amalgamated at about this time.

The site was re-developed in 1958; the new building cost

£76 781

# Morwell Advertiser

15<sup>th</sup>. April 1954

## Police Show Civic Pride

MORWELL Police occupied their new quarters on Monday, after a week end of effort which reflects credit on their civic pride.

All members stationed at Morwell, including Inspector Dendle, worked with implements to tidy up the area.

The result is that lawns were laid out, ground levelled and other work carried out to make it one of the show places of the township.



Inspector Dendle - 1953

# Bank lessons in decimals

Two decimal currency instructors of the ES & A Bank conducted decimal currency courses in Morwell, Moe and Traralgon last week.



They are Mr Frank Hatfield and Mr John Keaney of the bank's Victorian Branch Department. They visited Morwell and conducted a three-hour course at the local branch.

The course is designed to familiarise officers with the conversion, expression and methods of banking operations with the new decimal currency.

Mr Hatfield told The Advertiser that they are using six film strips with commentary during the three-hour course, consisting of two sessions.

Mr R. J. Cooper, manager of the local branch, said that literature on decimal currency has been issued progressively to the staff and the general public.

Refresher courses will be held in the future for the staff, as C-Day approaches, he added.

'Banks will play a key role in the conversion operation he said.. "They will close their doors on February 9, dealing in £s.d., and will re-open on February 14, (C-Day), ready to operate in decimal currency," Mr Cooper concluded.

● Decimal currency instructors Mr Frank Hatfield (in foreground) and Mr John Keaney, explained to Miss Robin Irving, at the Morwell branch of the bank, the ways of decimal currency.

6<sup>th</sup>. September 1965



# Latrobe Valley Express

18<sup>th</sup>. May 1966

## NEW-LOOK SHARPES CELEBRATE WITH GREAT SALE

Over \$120,000 has been spent by Mr. Norman Sharpe, proprietor of Sharpe's Emporium, Morwell, in reconstruction and re-fitting of the department store in the last six years.

The latest renovations, which cost \$40,000, have given the emporium situated in the heart of Morwell's commercial world, a modern display window front plus extensive interior alterations.

To mark the "new look", Sharpe's are conducting a special opening day sale, commencing next Wednesday, May 25.

On the opening day the eldest of the Sharp brothers, who helped establish the original Gippsland store at Sale 50 years ago, will be in attendance.

The Sale business, which was sold only eight years ago, preceded the Morwell store by nine years.

In the 41 years which have followed, Sharpes Emporium has progressed with the times.

"With the \$120,000 I've spent in providing better facilities and display room since 1960 I could have bought all the land in Commercial road in 1925", Mr Sharp recalls with a grin.

In those days the price was around £5 per block.

He started in a small shop with one lad and a girl as assistants, eventually purchasing adjacent premises from a saddler and a grocer.

Today the Emporium, which boasts a wide range of mercery at extremely competitive prices, employs a permanent staff of 45.

Mr. Sharp says he is able to provide the valley with bargain prices because of both a long association with the trade, and the fact that he is in daily contact with manufacturers and fashion houses.

He spends two days per week in Morwell, where the store is under the management of Mr. Albert Robinson. Mr Sharpe and his family were closely associated with a store in Northcote known as "The Beehive" and today is closely associated with Norman's in Bourke Street Melbourne.

Sharpe's Emporium Morwell c. 1970's



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## WORK STARTED ON NEW 'SUPER' WOOLWORTHS

Woolworth's new supermarket in Morwell will be one of the firm's best units in the State. Work on it began on Friday.

Although no firm statement on cost has been issued it is understood that the building will cost considerably more than £100,000.

The huge combination unit will contain a full range of clothing and soft goods, food market, self-contained butcher's shop, a snack bar and a specialty garden shop.

Mr J. Twaddle, of Woolworth's Melbourne office, said that the building will have an overall area of 23,000 square feet and a trading area of 14,000 square feet.

Motorists will be provided with an up-to-date parking area which will be entered from George-st. It will accommodate between 250 and 300 cars a day.

There will also be a covered walk from the store to the footpath.

"The new unit will rank among the best of our stores in the State. We are building it because our directors have so much faith in the future of Morwell," Mr Twaddle said.

In its initial stages the

store, which will be completed about the end of the year, will employ about 50 people, most of whom will be local residents.

The contractor for the building is Mr Allan Grieve, of Morwell. The earthworks will be done by J. Jeffrey & Sons and the steel structure by Mr Enzo Virili.

Motorists have lost a parking spot in Commercial-rd. because of work on the new Woolworth's store site.

Two "NO STANDING ANY TIME" signs have been put up on the south side of Commercial-rd. in front of the site, by the Morwell Shire Council.

Morwell  
Advertiser

19<sup>th</sup>. July 1965

## Next Meeting:

Wednesday

15<sup>th</sup>. April at 2.30 p.m.

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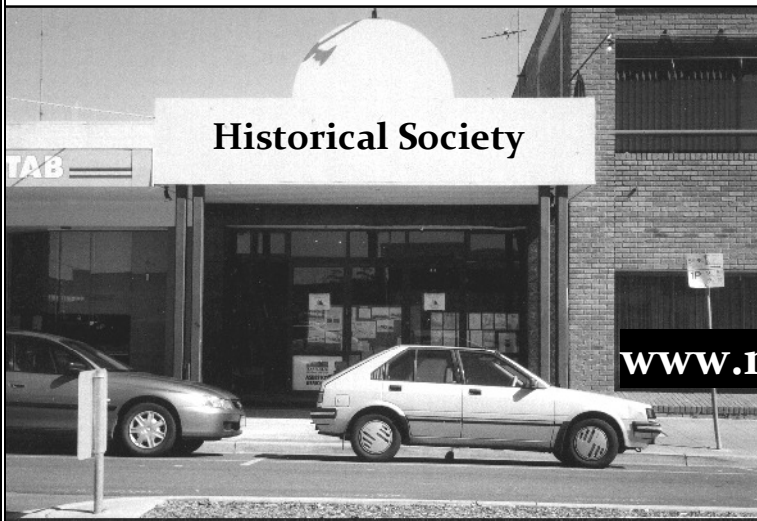
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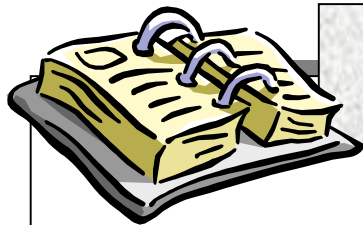


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A big welcome to Kelly our new  
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## From Our Fact File:



A sub Post Office opened at the Morwell rail-head on 6th. July 1877 and was referred to as the "Morwell Station Office".



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.



Mounted Constable William SAVAGE took up duties in Morwell District in June 1879. The first police station was in George Street, Constable Savage used to graze his horse on the 'police paddock' which is the current site of Coles supermarket.