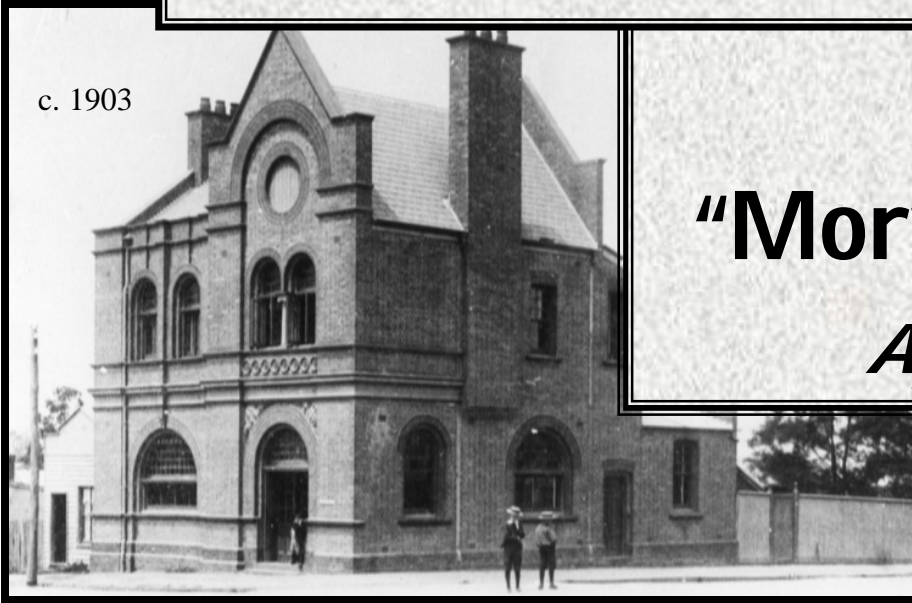


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# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. April 1932 (page 3)

## Robbery at Hare's Garage

Late on Wednesday night, **Hare's** garage, in Commercial Road, Morwell, was broken into and two tyres and tubes stolen. Nothing else appears to have been taken. When Mr. **G. Watson** was returning home from a card evening at the Mechanics' Hall, shortly before midnight, he saw a stationary car in Tarwin Street, opposite **Mackenzie's** furniture shop. The driver was endeavouring to start the car but could not get it going.

Mr Watson enquired what was the matter and the driver, a young man about 22 years of age, with whom was another young man, said the self starter had jammed and it had him beat. Mr Watson told the man what to do and with his assistance the jamb was released. In answer to questions by Mr Watson, the driver of the car said they were not residents of the district and had driven from Melbourne that day.

Mr Watson, whose suspicions were somewhat aroused asked them what they were after at that time of night, and the driver said he was looking for a garage, Mr Watson said the local garages were all closed, but mentioned that Mr **Trembath** lived behind the garage, and directed the men there.

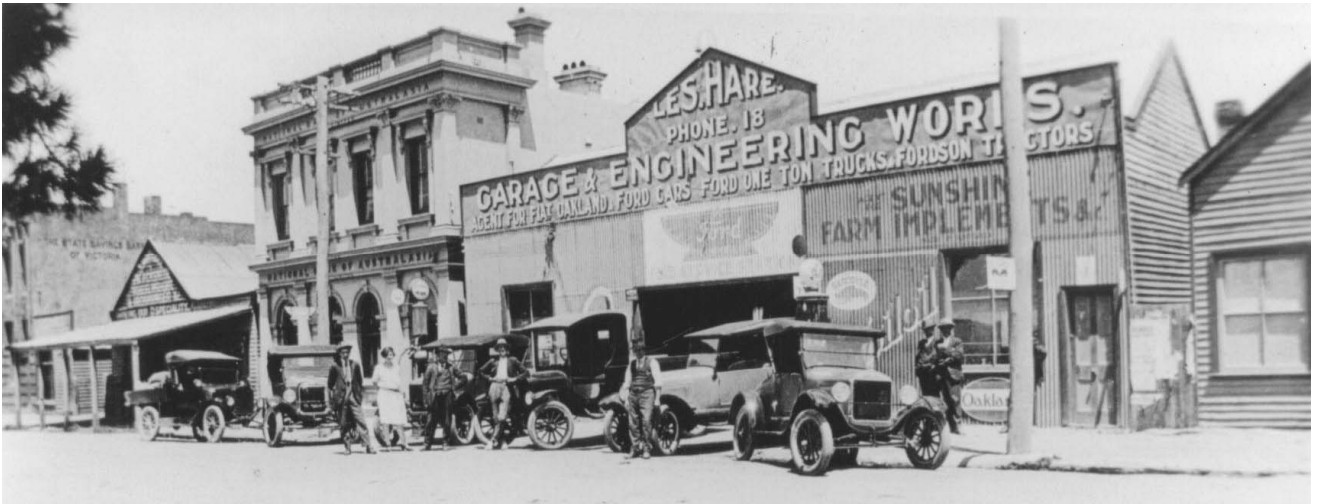
The car crossed the railway line, but Mr Watson, who was walking some distance behind, noticed that the car did not stop at Trembath's garage as directed.

He is now of the opinion that the men in the car are the culprits who broke into Hare's garage.



Les Hare's garage Commercial Road c 1925. (Museum Victoria)

More images of Les Hare's Garage over the years (M.H.S.)



Photographs: Morwell Historical Society archives

# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. February 1943 (page 7)

## MEDEW-KOENIG

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Morwell, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, **Gweneth Marion**, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **C. D. Koenig**, Morwell, was united with **Albert William**, eldest son of Mr and Mrs **W. E. Medew**, of Morwell.

The church was decorated with gladioli and dahlias, by friends of the bride and Rev. H. Hovendon officiated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, looked charming in a beautiful lace frock made on fitting lines extending to a long train. She also wore a lovely lace veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossom and tulle, and carried a sheaf of cream water lilies.

The bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Koenig (sister of the bride) was dressed in pink georgette, with matching tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of beautiful dark pink gladioli.

The bridegroom's brother, Mr Norman Medew (R.A.A.F.) acted as best man.

Miss Rintoull presided at the organ and during the signing of the register Mrs McCracken sang "O Promise Me."

The bride's mother wore a navy and white floral frock, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of delphiniums.

Mrs Medew, mother of the bridegroom, wore a teal floral frock with accessories to match and carried pink carnations and roses.

The reception was held in the Town Hall, where the usual toasts were duly honored. The ladies of the Comforts' Fund who were in charge of the catering deserve much praise for the way they attended to every detail.

Many telegrams were read by the best man.

The happy couple left by the evening train for the honeymoon, the bride travelling in a blue frock and slate grey coat, with black accessories. They were the recipients of many useful presents including a large number of cheques.

Mr and Mrs A. W. Medew's future home will be in Morwell.

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# ***Morwell Lapidary Club Turns 50!***

The following article has been kindly supplied by Mr. **Trevor Pickering** Hon. President of the **Morwell Lapidary Club Inc.**

The **Morwell Historical Society Inc.** heartily congratulates Trevor and his fellow members on achieving such a marvellous milestone.

## **A Brief History of the Morwell Lapidary Club Inc.**

At 2.00 pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1963, there was a gathering of interest people held at the offices of "Jephcott's the Jewellers", 205-207 Princes Highway Morwell. The reason for the gathering was a common interest of those present in forming a local Gemological group.

This gathering was the preliminary meeting held prior to the inaugural meeting of the Latrobe Valley branch of the Gemological Association of Australia – the forerunner to the club now known as The Morwell Lapidary Club Inc. The inaugural meeting of the proposed Latrobe Valley branch of the Gemological Society was set to be held at 7.30 pm, **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1963.**

That meeting was subsequently held, and so our Club came into being. From the original 9 people who were the original members of our Club, our membership has grown and fluctuated over the years, and our current membership now stands at 69 members.

The Club continued to be known as the Latrobe Valley branch of the Gemological Society until February 1969, when the members voted to sever the ties with the Gemological Society, and the Club became known as the Morwell Lapidary Club.

Finally after many years of having no settled place for holding meetings and no Clubrooms, and following extensive searching for suitable premises, the Club were given the opportunity to lease the old 'Billiard Room' situated behind the main hall in Tyers. The offer was taken up by the Club, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1970, a combined Christmas Party & Official opening of the Clubrooms was held at the venue. The Clubrooms at Tyers became 'home' for our Club and still are to this day.

Whilst our membership does fluctuate, we still have a core number of 35-40 'working members' and we participate in annual exhibitions with the other Gippsland Gem Clubs, organise and enjoy regular field trips, and co-host a very successful annual Gemstone & Collectables Exhibition with the Gippsland Antique Bottles & Collectables Club.

We have a strong affiliation with many other Clubs, and share many field trips and gatherings with not only the Gippsland Clubs, but also Melbourne based Clubs.

Our Club is alive and well, and we celebrate 50 years in existence in 2013.



**MORWELL LAPIDARY  
CLUB INC**

# The Gippsland Times

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. October 1879 (page 3)

## MORWELL (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

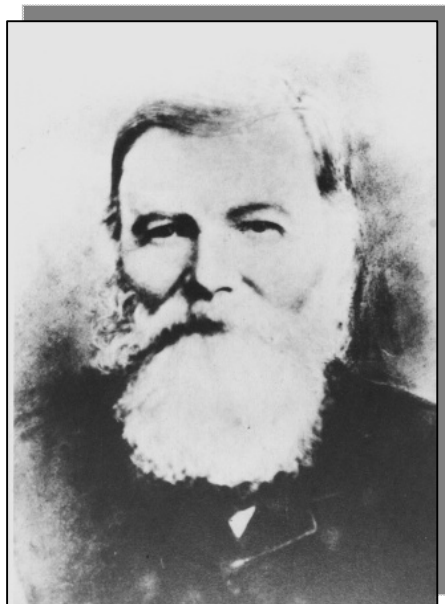
A meeting of the inhabitants of Morwell and surrounding district took place at **Kelleher's Club Hotel**, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken for the erection of a bridge over the Latrobe river at **Tom's selection**, for the convenience of selectors on the north side of said river.

There were present: Messrs **Shaw, Murdoch, Crinegan, Kelleher, Theobald, Fitzpatrick, O'Dea, Rintoul, Firmin, Donaldson**, and a number of other influential residents of the district. Mr. **D. Shaw** was unanimously voted to the chair, and explained the object of the meeting.

At present the selectors on the north side of the river were compelled to go to Traralgon, a distance of 10 or 12 miles, when they might tap the railway at Morwell in half that distance had they only a bridge over the river; he therefore trusted that the gentlemen present would adopt some means of bringing this matter under the notice of the department, and invite the selectors on the north side of the river to co-operate with them.

Mr Crinegan then moved that a petition be presented to the Minister of Public Works, signed by the residents of the district, asking for a sum of money to build a bridge over the Latrobe River at Tom's selection. Seconded by Mr. O'Dea, and carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draw up a petition: - Messrs **Donaldson, Gilbert, Kelleher, Fitzpatrick, and Murdoch**. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.



Mr. Donald Shaw

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# The Gippsland Times

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>. January 1882 (pages 2, 3)

The following article was gleaned from the round up of local news items:

The new church erected at Morwell for the Roman Catholics, was opened with due solemnity on Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> ult., in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation.

In the absence of His Grace Archbishop **Goold**, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father **Hegarty**, of Sale, assisted by the Rev. C. **O'Donnell**, S.J. of St. Francis Xavier's College, Kew.

Great satisfaction was expressed at the convenient and comfortable appearance of the new building, which will supply a want long felt by the Catholics resident in that district, and will enable them to attend more regularly and devoutly to their religious duties.

The building is constructed of wood, being 35ft x 25ft, with all the necessary appurtenances. The plans, etc., were kindly furnished by Mr **Campbell**, Shire Engineer of Traralgon, and the contractors were Messrs **Fidler Bros.**, of Sale.

The cost of the building has been about £400, a considerably portion of which has already been collected, and it is anticipated that if the Church committee continue as energetic in their efforts, as they have been in the past, no great length of time will elapse before the entire amount has been subscribed.



**Archbishop Goold**



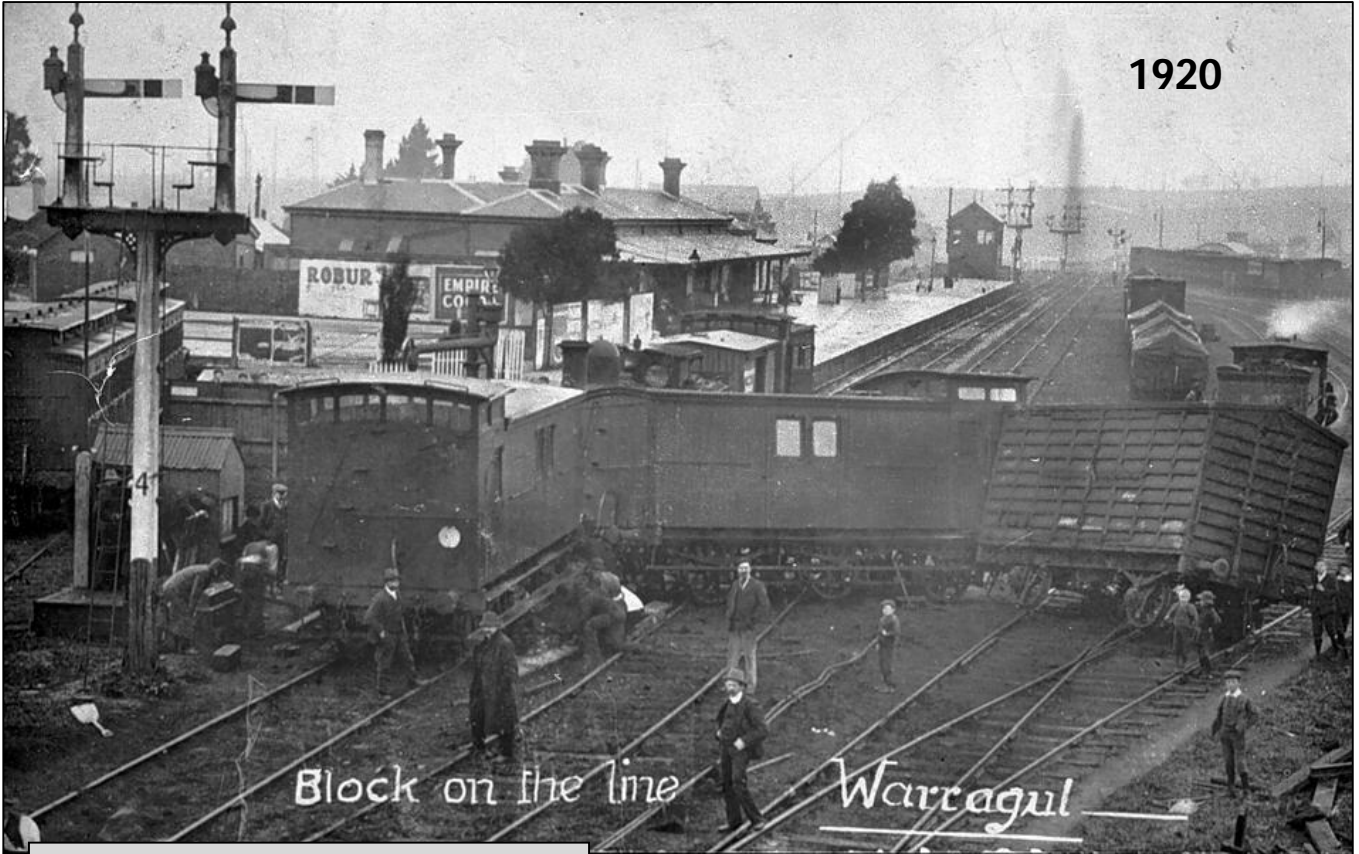
**Father Hegarty**



From the Back of the Filing Cabinet!



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Photograph: Museum Victoria



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# Warragul Guardian and Buln Buln and Narracan Shire Advocate

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. April 1887 (page 3)

## THE MORWELL SHOW

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The inaugural show of the Morwell, Narracan and Mirboo Agricultural and Pastoral Society took place on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., and was a great success, the weather being delightfully fine, and the attendance of visitors proportionally large.

The absence of any sitting accommodation detracted somewhat from the comfort of visitors, but this is a matter which will no doubt receive attention in future. Indeed, the committee must be complimented upon the completeness of their arrangements, which were undoubtedly very good for a first attempt.

There were about 900 entries, the horse sections being very well filled, and some fine animals were shown.

There was nothing very much out of the common to be seen amongst the cattle, but there was a splendid display of farm produce, and the dairy produce sections were also well filled.

The list of winners, as published by the "M. and M. Gazette" (which paper will not guarantee the correctness of the same owing to the state in which the judges, and stewards' books were left), shows that a good many prizes were secured by residents of Warragul and the neighbourhood.

Mr. **J. Henry** was first for best 3 yr-old draught filly, and second for mare calculated to perpetuate the breed of useful carriage horses or hunters. The same gentleman was first for mare best suited to breed sound and stout thoroughbred horses for general stud purposes, and first again for best spring cart horse.

Mr. **A. C. Lyons** secured first prize for best single buggy horse, and Mr. **W. Edney** first for best mounted rifleman's horse ridden by owner over 3 ft 6 in hurdles. Mr. **W. Robinson** was awarded first prize for bee appliances, and was also recommended hon. mention for honey in bulk and in glass jars.

Mr. H. **Daglish** took three out of the five prizes offered for flowers, being first for table bouquet, collection of dahlias, and collection of cut flowers, and Messrs **Robinson and Sons**, of Warragul and Morwell, were recommended hon. mention for cordials.

Taken as a whole the show was a great success, and there is every reason to hope that the financial results will be fully up to the anticipations of the most sanguine supporters of the new society.

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# Morwell Historical Society Inc.

## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013.  
The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

President: **Leonie Pryde**

Vice-President: **Bruce McMaster**

Secretary: **Stephen Hellings**

Assistant Secretary: **Lyn Ryan**

Treasurer: **Carol Smith**

Archivist/Curator: **Bruce McMaster**

Assistant Archivist/Curator: **Eddie Beulke**

I.T. Manager: **Florence Butcher**

Newsletter Editor: **Stephen Hellings**

Auditor: **Peter Butcher**

Executive Committee Members: **Lyn Ryan, Florence Butcher, Eddie Beulke**

Acquisitions Committee: **Eddie Beulke, Graeme Cornell**

The Annual Membership Subscription was set at \$ **15.00** for individual membership and **\$20.00** for family membership. The Society's definition of 'family' is two persons at the same address. **Please note that the Membership Subscription fee for 2013 is now due and payable. Please regard this as a formal notice.**

It was agreed that our meeting date and time will remain unchanged, being the **third Wednesday** of the month (excepting December and January) at **2 pm**.

Our rooms situated at **44 Buckley Street Morwell**, will once again be open to the general public on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from **11 am to 2 pm**.

Appointments may also be made.

Don't forget to take a look at our website:

**Morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au**

Your feed-back is always most welcome.

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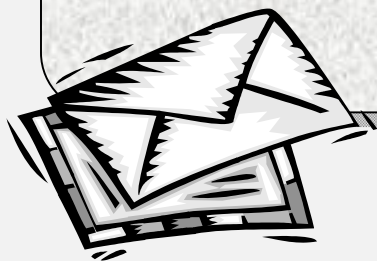
Please note that the next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup>. April 2013 at 2.00 p.m.  
At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)



### Meeting dates for 2013:

April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
July 17<sup>th</sup>.  
August 21<sup>st</sup>.  
September 18<sup>th</sup>.  
October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### From Our Fact File:

In 1879 the train departed Sale at 7.25 am.

It left Morwell at 9.03 am and did not arrive at Oakleigh until 1.25 pm.

The following single trip fares applied:

Sale to Oakleigh 20/- First Class, 13/- Second Class.

Morwell to Oakleigh 13/6 First Class, 9/- Second Class

The total mileage from Sale to Oakleigh was 118¼. (More on railways next issue)

**(Never let it be said that the "Morwell Post" is uninformative)**

The next edition of the "Post" is due out in June.