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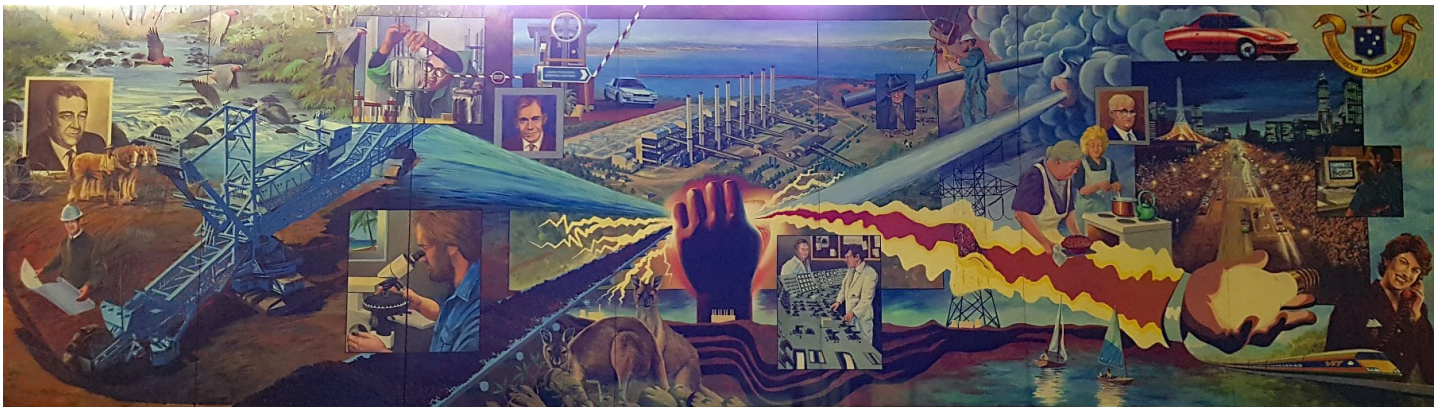
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Hazelwood Power Station
by Jenardiy Arkadi Zabenko



This mural is 2.6 x 8.4 metres and is currently displayed at the Latrobe Regional Gallery for their "Hazelwood Power Station" Exhibition, April 2 2022—July 10 2022.

This artwork was painted by the artist when he was an inmate at H.M. Prison Morwell River and depicts the history of Hazelwood Power Station from farmland to its heyday and its imagined future at the time. The mural was presented to Hazelwood Power Station on 7th November 1994 for the "back to" and "30 years Celebration". In 2020, ENGIE, owners of Hazelwood Power Station, donated the painting to the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

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Morwell Historical Society Directory 2022

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Front page icon is of the old Post Office c1930 which was on the site of the now Commonwealth Bank, corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street.

All photos, unless indicated, are from our archives.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting held on 16th March the following office bearers were duly elected.

President:	-Alan McFarlane
Vice President:	-Shirley Prosser
Secretary:	-Florence Butcher
Assistant Secretary:	-Elaine Andrijczak
Treasurer:	-Peter Butcher
Committee:	-Rosalie Davey, Peter Gitsham and Laurie Williams

The Society sincerely thanks the outgoing President Bruce McMaster for the capable manner that he led the Society during the last 7 years. Bruce was the driving force behind buying the Masonic Lodge in March 2015. He has stepped down to spend more time with his wife Elsie. Both Bruce and Elsie joined the Society in 1984 and Elsie held the position of Secretary for 27 years and produced the newsletter from 1984 to 2002.

Birthday Party

On 15th March the Society turned 60. It was a great night. Kellie Bertrand did an excellent job as MC and she also made and decorated the birthday cake. The Inaugural Meeting of the Society was held on 15 March 1962 and the first page of the Minutes is on page 5. On page 4 there is a report on the night with photos. Thank you to all the volunteers who prepared the room and to those who brought a plate of goodies.

A special thank you to the Morwell CWA Evening Group ladies who looked after the supper.

Maintenance

A big thank you to member Chris Roads who has sanded back, then stained and sealed 4 floorboards that had been replaced in our front room Exhibition Space. Thank you also to Bunnings for providing the stain and the sealer.

Notable Acquisitions/Donations Recently Received

- Article containing the LV Soccer League results 2018-2020
- small plate with a painting of the Shire Offices and Town Hall, Commercial Road
- Survey of Yallourn residents in 1976
- Icy pole maker that belonged to David Hinkley of Hinkley Stores in Commercial Road
- Box of Reports, Surveys and Visions 1980-2000
- book - *Buln Buln: A History of the Buln Buln Shire* by Graeme Butler

We also were fortunate to recently receive a Fisher and Paykel fridge/freezer and a microwave from a deceased estate.

Promotion

On the morning of 2nd April, Shirley, Fay and myself manned a promotion table at Bunnings "Easter Brunch". We sold some books and gave away newsletters and brochures.

HELP!

I am seeking support from members to assist at our Open Days.

This support is to provide security and company to the small number of regular volunteers (Faye and Co) who ensure our building is opened to the public 3 days per month.

If each member, who is able and local, was to volunteer, they would only be required once for 3 hours per year.

Please give it some thought and let Shirley Prosser know on 0409 436 019 when you could assist.

PAYING OFF OUR DEBT

We have \$125,000 owing on the purchase of our premises, the former Morwell Masonic Lodge at 12 Hazelwood Road.

I am keen to appeal to the public to support us in this regard.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

I look forward to a good year ahead and thank all members for their interest and contribution.

Alan McFarlane President



SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due and payable

MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS on 15th March 2022



Cutting the 60th birthday cake are members Bruce McMaster, Retiring President and Fay Thompson, Archivist

The Society was established on the 15th of March 1962 for the purpose of preserving the history of Morwell and District and providing a archival repository for documents, photos and other relative information and artefacts. Ivan Maddern, the then Principal of Morwell High School had the foresight, motivation and ability to initiate the establishment of an appropriate organisation to achieve this vision. He called the inaugural meeting and the names of those present at the first meeting held at the Morwell High School Library are on page 5.

To celebrate the occasion, an evening birthday party was held in the rooms which were decorated for the occasion. Over 70 people attended including guests Harriet Shing Labour Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath Nationals member for Eastern Victoria, Graeme Middlemiss Latrobe City Councillor who represented the Mayor, Cr. Kellie O'Callaghan and Cr. Sharon Gibson. The capable MC for

the evening was Kellie Bertrand. As Fay Thompson projected an image on the screen, Kellie provided a short commentary. Over 90 subtitled historical photos of Morwell and District were presented and projected and many memories were recalled by those in the audience.

The Society's President Bruce McMaster gave a short talk on how the Society started in a small room in the old Town Hall then moved to a shop in Church Street, then a shop in Buckley Street and finally relocating in the former Masonic Lodge building which the Society bought in March 2015.

Bruce then cut the birthday cake which had been made and beautifully decorated by Kellie.

All present had supper which was provided by the Society members and served by the CWA Evening Group ladies. It was generally agreed by those present that the get together was most successful and enjoyable with many stories recalled and discussed. The Society thanks all the volunteers who worked hard to make the event such a successful and memorable occasion.



Kellie Bertrand - MC



Melina Bath, Harriet Shing and Graeme Middlemiss
In the background, Darrell White chatting to John Guy

Morwell Historical Society

Inaugural Meeting

Present at the meeting.

Mr A.R. Corbett, 3 McLean Street, Morwell.
Company Secretary, Morwell Advertiser

Mr R. Morrison, 30 Winifred Street, Morwell

Mr E. Fieset, 48 George Street, Morwell

Mr J. Peterson, 14 Barry St, Morwell

Mr J. ^{Boynter} ~~Poynter~~, 1 Ann St, Morwell

Mr E. Hammond, Tramway Road,
Hazelwood South

Mr J. Robinson, Yallourn Guest House,
Yallourn: Secondary Teacher, Morwell High S.

Mr J. Fenningan, Fairfield Guest House,
Yallourn:

Mr N. Watkins, 437 Prince's Highway, Morwell

Mr D. Kells, Driffield
Secondary Teacher, Morwell High School.

Mr Branko Lencsak, 48 George Street,
Morwell

Mr J. T. Maddern

Head Master Morwell High School

Mr J. T. Synan, Hazelwood Estate, Yinnar.
Secondary Teacher, Morwell High School

Also present from Traralgon Historical Society

Dr Bridges-Webb; President Traralgon Hist. Soc.

Dr McLean; member Traralgon Historical Soc.

IVAN THEODORE MADDERN 1906-1980

Ivan Maddern was born in 1906 in Jung, near Horsham, the 4th child of David and Ester Maddern. After completing his secondary education at Horsham High School he went to Melbourne University and gained a Degree of Diploma of Education.

Ivan Maddern returned to Horsham High as the sports master then he was transferred to Northcote High School and then to Wangaratta High School. With the outbreak of WW11 Maddern joined the RAAF and served in Singapore, New Guinea and Morotai. When he was demobilised in November 1945 he was reappointed to Horsham High School. From Horsham he went to Wodonga High School, Moe High School and finally Morwell High School in 1961 at the age of 55 where he was promoted to headmaster and remained until he retired in 1971. He will be remembered as an extremely kind and generous man and many students have reason to be grateful to him although not many would be aware of his actions.

Ivan was a keen promotor and speaker of Esperanto and wrote *The story of Esperanto: the international language*. He was a member of the Australian Esperanto Association in 1966 and 1967 and at Morwell High School, he introduced it as a compulsory subject to Forms 1, 2 and 3.

Early Morwell and *Memory Lane* were weekly articles published in the Morwell Advertiser and later the Latrobe Valley Express in the early 1960s and 1970s. These were of people past and of significant events from the Morwell Shire.

Ivan also wrote seventeen books mostly related to the histories of schools and the Education Department. His vision and imagination towards education was seen to be controversial and even revolutionary.

Whilst at Moe High School, he wrote the words to the school song and his daughter Dorothy wrote the music.

Ivan married Elsie Jones in Horsham in 1936. They had three daughters - Marian, Dorothy and Philippa. All three were Dux of their school.

Ivan was the main force behind the formation of the Morwell Historical Society on 15 March 1962. He was passionate about history and wrote many history books and well as the Morwell Historical Society's Newsletters. His book *The Souvenir History of Morwell* has a wealth of information and reflects his depth of research and attention to detail. He also wrote *History of Morwell High School* in eight volumes.

Ivan Maddern died in 1980 and is buried at Jung beside his parents. Elsie died in 2003.



The seat in Ivan Maddern Reserve, Maryvale Crescent Morwell. Plaque just visible in the paving in front of the seat. The seat was erected on May 31st 1987



Flight Lieutenant IVAN T. MADDERN, B.A., Dip.Ed., was educated at Wesley College. He began his teaching career at School No. 2460, St. Kilda Park, and in 1927 he entered the Melbourne Teachers' College for a two years' course.

He enlisted in the R.A.A.F. on the 10th of February, 1941 and entered the administrative section as a Pilot Officer. He underwent six weeks' administrative training and then a month's training as an operations officer at Melbourne.

Until December, 1941, he served as Operations Officer at Laverton and at the Victoria Barracks. It was during this time that he was promoted to the rank of Flying Officer. In December, 1941, he went to Sembawang Station, Singapore, as Operations Officer but left in February, 1942, owing to the Japanese advance. On the 10th of April, 1942, he served at Townsville where he remained until the 12th of August, 1942. when he went to New Guinea with the 9 Operational Group. He served there until the 3rd of May, 1943.

During that time, he received promotion to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. For

the next two years, he acted as Education Officer at H.Q., 1 Training Group, Melbourne. On the 23rd of July, 1945, he embarked for Morotai with the 14 Operational Group and served there until the 10th of November, 1945. He received his discharge on the 30th of November, 1945. Prior to enlisting, he was teaching at Wangaratta High School.

Source: *War Service Record 1939 - 1945*, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT VICTORIA

Names of Teachers, College Lecturers and Departmental Officers who enlisted, died, returned and were decorated. Total 1775

This book is the record of the part played by the teachers and the children in our schools during the Second World War.

MOE HIGH SCHOOL SONG

Words by Ivan Maddern and music by Dorothy Maddern

We began, you'll agree, in the year '53,
In the bush on the verge of Moe.
In a manner small, not great at all,
We were not the least bit showy.
Where we worked with a will for culture and skill,
And the growth of our inborn powers,
You can keep all the rest, we will stick to the best,
And the best school of all is ours.
We will sing you a song of a school that is strong,
Where we fit into place so neatly,
Where the girls and boys know all the joys
Of a life that's lived completely.
We will work with a will for culture and skill
And the growth of our inborn powers,
You can keep all the rest, we will stick to the best,
And the best school of all is ours.
Soon our time will be past, we'll be exiles at last,
And to greater achievements reaching,
And our thoughts will fly back to Moe High
To a great school and its teaching,
We will honour it still for culture and skill
That developed our inborn powers,
You can keep all the rest, we will stick to the best
And the best school of all is ours.

W.A. PURVIS STORES Pty Ltd and AUSSIE DISPOSALS

In 1910 William Purvis and his wife Alice purchased a small weatherboard store located in Moore Street, Moe which at that time had a population of 400. They had 3 children –May, Jack and Myra. The business had a dirt floor and at night wandering cows would shelter under the veranda. William died in 1915 and his wife with the help of her children carried on the business known as WA Purvis Stores. By 1928 the three children had their own store at Brown Coal Mine and Jack had his own business at Erica. It wasn't long before the WA Purvis name stretched right through the Latrobe Valley and onto Sale and Bairnsdale.

In 1931 Purvis opened a store in Commercial Road.

In the background there is the railway goods shed.

East of Purvis Stores is Vary and Hanson who were Stock and Station Agents.



In 1940 the Purvis family bought a business at 210 Commercial Road from E Rowell. The site is now (2022) occupied by the Noodle Paradise. Bill Panther (senior) was the manager and Roy Faulkner worked for Purvis for 11 years. This interesting photo came from Russ Billingsley's daughter Gaye Jones.



It was in 1958 the WA Purvis opened a self service super market in Buckley Street, Morwell. Today, 2022, Life Line Op Shop occupies the site.

It was a grand occasion and it was celebrated with the hiring of an Ansett ANA helicopter to drop parcels of food by parachute over the town. Roy Faulkner had opened Morwell's first self service super market in Church Street three years earlier in 1955.



Aussie Disposals

In 1962 Bill Purvis, son of Jack instigated the idea of opening a store called Aussie Disposals on the old grocery site in Moore Street Moe. By 1970 there were Aussie Disposal Stores in Dandenong, Elsternwick, Hawthorn, Preston and Camberwell. In 1973 a warehouse was opened in Dandenong and Bill moved to Melbourne to supervise the operation. By 1992 there were 24 stores across Victoria and 2 in Adelaide. The company is now, in 2022, owned by Bill's son Mark.

Morwell Aussie Disposals was in Buckley Street and it relocated to 218 Commercial Road and closed 18.1.2014. Photo taken after the store closed.



Source -*Heart of the Valley* by Stephen Legg p 245

Purvis for Survis by Mary C. Higgins

-*Morwell Advertiser* 1 February 1940 p 11

The Story of Progress-Morwell 1955-1958

Dr WILLIAM MOIR 1861-1928

Dr William Moir, born in Aberdeen in 1861, the son of William and Jane (nee Shaw), was the first resident doctor in Morwell. In 1889 he had consulting rooms in Murdoch's Hotel. He set up practice later in Commercial Road. Then finally he had a residence and consulting rooms built in Commercial Road near the Chapel Street corner. The site today is occupied by Harvey Norman. In *The Morwell Advertiser* he is mentioned as a doctor up to 1920. Dr W Moir was a member of the Rifle Club, the Turf Club and the Mechanics Institute. His youngest son Jack lived in Mirboo North.



Dr Moir in front of his house and surgery in Commercial Road.
He died in Mirboo North in 1928

These two photos were taken at the 1953 Coronation Parade. The photo on the right shows Dr. Mitchell's house to the left on the corner and Dr Moir's house behind the palm trees.



Another view of Dr Moir's house, the Office of the Advertiser newspaper and the Bank of NSW

Connelly's Guest House

Dr Moir's house was bought by Theresa and Joseph Connelly and Theresa conducted a boarding house there. Theresa was born at Wonthaggi in 1894 and Joseph was born in 1889. They had 2 children Frank and Carmel who had a short walk to school at Sacred Heart. When the Connelly's sold the property they moved to 29 Latrobe Road.

'Social Cricket.

Last week-end the Morwell Youth Club engaged a team from Connelly's boarding house on the Recreation Reserve. On this occasion the youths were compelled to play "second fiddle". In their first innings the defeated eleven were all out for 37 (Williams 15; Hare 4 5 and Lesley 2/2), and in the second knock lost eight wickets in very quick time for 22 (Shaw 12; Hare 4 5). Connelly's replied with 5 45 (Ligott 18 not out, Lesley 15) and 7 for 63 (Beaton 18, Pickett 11). Bowling for the Youths, Tucker took 4/20, Crozier 3/9 and Kesper 3/31.

Morwell Advertiser 22 February 1945 p 6

CONNOLLY'S TABLE TENNIS PREMIERS

CONNELLY'S became the Morwell and District Table Tennis Premiers for the third successive year, when they defeated Morwell Tennis Club in the grand final last night.

Scores were 12-6 and Connelly's will now retain the Purvis Stores trophy.

Teams were: Connelly's — Dennis Quinn, Vin. Thomas, Roy French and John Coffey; Morwell Tennis Club—Roy Trewella, Les Kite, Eric Murray and Bruce Akers.

John Coffey was the only five-game winner for the night.

Morwell Advertiser 2. September 1954 p 5

In the wonderful photo on the following page; Commercial Road looking east—1953

So many landmarks still recognizable today ...

Sacred Heart Church and to the north of the church a steam engine coming from Traralgon
Commercial Road State School and to the south of it, the Church of England church in Chapel Street
Across the road from the school, on the corner is Dr Mitchell's house
Next to Dr Mitchell's house is Connelly's Boarding House with the 3 white chimneys
Note the Post Office on the corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street, minus it's roof, in the process of being demolished
Coles Variety Store in Tarwin Street which opened in 1950
Morwell Railway Station and Goods Shed— centre left
Bottom lower right corner – Town Hall and Police Station



Dr HUGH WILLIAM FANCOURT MITCHELL 1888—1957

Doctor Henry St. John Mitchell was born at Kyneton in 1851 and in 1885 he married Lena Nankivell. They had 3 children Dorothy born 1886, Hugh born 1888 and Eleanor born 1890.

Dr Hugh Mitchell graduated in medicine at the Melbourne University in 1911. He joined the AIF in 1915 and served as medical officer at Gallipoli and in Egypt and France and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in 1916. In 1917 in England he married Florence Agnes Manning, a notable Australian Army nurse in her own right and in the same year he was promoted to Major. On his discharge from the AIF he moved in 1919 to Morwell where he purchased the Morwell Medical Practice from Dr Sutcliff.

Doctor Moir owned the block of land on the corner of Commercial Road and Chapel Street and the house next door. They were auctioned in 1921 and the bidding reached £210 but the reserve was not reached so the blocks were passed in to be sold privately. Dr Mitchell bought the house on the corner and hired Melbourne builders to build his house.

Hugh and Florence had two sons Donald who also became a doctor, and he took over the practice when his father retired and Hugh and two daughters Kathleen and Mary.

Dr Hugh Mitchell was Morwell Shire Medical Officers of Health 1919-1928 and with Dr Andrew 1928-1948. He was a prominent member of the Gippsland Angling Club, RSL, Legacy, President of the Morwell Tennis Club, member of the Cricket Club, member of the Golf Club, committee member of the St Patrick Day Races and captain of the Morwell Football Club, president of the Morwell and Yallourn Gun Club and member of the Morwell Bowling Club. Dr Mitchell was also founder, 1945, and a director of the Morwell Rotary Club.

Hugh and Florence retired to Bairnsdale in 1948 where Florence died in 1949 and Hugh died in 1957. Hugh was buried in Springvale Crematorium and his funeral notice in the Argus stated that..."the Cortege will pass through Morwell at approx 11.45 am".



Photo of Dr Mitchell from the 1945 Rotary Club group photo.



Source —*Morwell Advertiser*

Thursday 17th April 1947 p 1

Thursday 20th October 1949 p 1

Thursday 8th August 1935 p 9

Thursday 11th September, 1947 p 1

PRUE McGOLDRICK 26 July 1925-11 February 2022



Noted writer, Prue McGoldrick (nee Hyett), died recently at Paynesville aged 96 years. Prue will be remembered with great affection by many in the Latrobe Valley.

Prue was born and raised in Sunshine – with her twin sister Mary and was one of seven children. On leaving school, Prue with her sister Mary began working for Forest Products CSIR, in South Melbourne, testing timber for aircraft. They worked day and evening shifts, alternate weeks. It was wartime. They also attended evening classes, including classes at Melbourne Technical College (later RMIT). Prue did engineering drawing and Val McGoldrick, an engineer, was the instructor. In 1949 they married, living initially at Moonee Ponds They had two sons and moved to Yallourn where Val had a job with the State Electricity Commission. By 1955 they had a family of four children – James, Bernard, Anne and Damien. They lived in Yallourn for 28 years, becoming active and involved in the local community.

Prue was active in school, church, the Catholic Women's Service League and part-time teaching. In her forties, she studied at the

Gippsland College of Advanced Education and matriculated. She began working as a journalist with the Latrobe Valley Express. When the town of Yallourn came to an end, about 1980, the McGoldricks moved to Paynesville.

Prue was hard working, a meticulous researcher who carefully cited her sources, Prue had a talent with words. Honest and forthright, she was not afraid to speak her mind at times. She was humble and generous and gave valuable help to many. Her books, including those on Morwell, Yallourn and St Patrick's Paynesville, are a lasting legacy.

Prue was commissioned by the Morwell Shire Council to produce a book in 1979 "*Steamhorse to Power - A History of Morwell Town*" to celebrate the centenary history of "Morwell Town". The significant date was the 2nd April 1879 as this was the date Stationmaster Holland eagerly awaited the arrival of the train making the first through journey from Princes Bridge Station, Melbourne, to Sale. It also saw the arrival of the first school teacher, John Irving, who would open the town's first State School – No 2136.

It was not until 27 May 1892 that the Shire of Morwell was proclaimed with an area of 259 acres.

Moving to The Valley was obviously an environmental shock as Prue recalls in the following two paragraphs from her book, *Jaberanda & Co* p15 about the family's first few weeks in 16 Erica Street Yallourn in August 1951.

"As the first few days went by I learnt about coal dust. It rained over the town, sprinkling washing on the line. It swirled and eddied on foot paths and roads and formed a black scum on the Latrobe River. In still weather, the fallout from the gritty dust was particularly bad. Every shrub and leaf carried its black burden. It crept in under tiled roofs from which it was removed periodically by an industrial vacuum cleaner. Ten bags of coal dust were taken from above the ceiling in our house. White baby napkins and shirts took on a grey hue. At times, an easterly breeze filled the house with an unpleasant smell like boiling cabbage. This came from industrial digesters at the paper mill at Maryvale.

I found there was compensation for these passing annoyances when in my first springtime in Yallourn I experienced beauty. Wide spread use of deciduous trees throughout the town provided maximum sunshine in winter and abundant shade in the summer. Dreary grey weather was nudged aside by progressively longer periods of sunshine. Equinoctial gales scattered prunus and cherry blossoms from street trees. In autumn the fallen leaves of the liquidambar danced lightly in the breeze."



After living in Yallourn for 28 years, Val and Prue moved to Paynesville. They had the house in Paynesville demolished in January 1980 to make way for the Reservoir Road Yallourn house that they had lived in for the past 11 years. This house was stripped of its veneer of bricks and its frame cut length wise into two sections. On February 20 1980, Fowler's of Trafalgar brought this frame on two low loaders along the Princes Highway to Paynesville.

Foreword - "Steamhorse to Power – A History of Morwell Town

Cr. W. C. McRoberts, J.P., President, Shire of Morwell and Chairman, Morwell Centenary Committee

"Histories of towns and municipalities are so often written as textbooks, cold hard facts set out in chronological order and left to the reader's imagination to bring to life. This book however is different. Whilst forfeiting none of its historical detail or accuracy, it at all times throbs with life.

It tells the story of people. Ordinary people, like you and me, who came to this place with faith and courage. People who dreamed dreams, made plans, knew failure as well as success, pain as well as joy. People who reared families, accepted responsibilities looking for neither recognition nor praise, and in the process gave to Morwell the character and drive that has made it the foremost town in the Latrobe Valley.

I trust that you derive great pleasure and satisfaction from this book."

Preface - "Steamhorse to Power" – A History of Morwell Town

Prue McGoldrick - Yallourn, September 1979

"The town of Morwell, Victoria, this year reached a century, that magical number which when attained in any field calls for celebration and a review of the steps which led to that attainment. Consequently, this is a record of the events and the people who fashioned Morwell and made it what it is today.

Commissioned by the Shire of Morwell this book is based broadly on material researched by Ivan Maddern for the Shire of Morwell. However, my aim in writing this has been to present a balanced history in as readable a form as possible. To this end I have introduced many items from my own research and reservoir of knowledge of the town and the times.

No attempt has been made to evaluate events of the past and their effects or to speculate on possible trends in the future of the town. I have told how things were and are and, I hope, have captured something of what it was like to live in Morwell during its first hundred years.

I am indebted to the Shire of Morwell for providing the opportunity and impetus for this book and also for their willing assistance at all times."

The following three books written by Prue are available to purchase from the society:

-*Steamhorse to Power - A History of Morwell Town*, Published 1979 - Price \$25

-*Jaberanda & Co - Living in the Twentieth Century*, Published 2001 - Price \$30

-*Yallourn Was - A Historical and Pictorial record of the functions, life and people of a "deceased" town*, Published in 1984 - Price \$25

Other books written by Prue:

-*When the Whistle Blew - A Social History of the Town of Sunshine*, Published in 1989

-*My Paddock - An early 20th Century childhood*, An autobiography, Published in 1994

-*St Patrick's Church Paynesville - A Church in Transition*, Published in 1996

Other source: some history of Prue extracted from her eulogy by Olwen Ford



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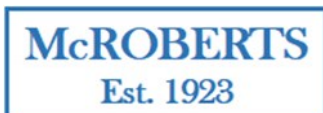
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