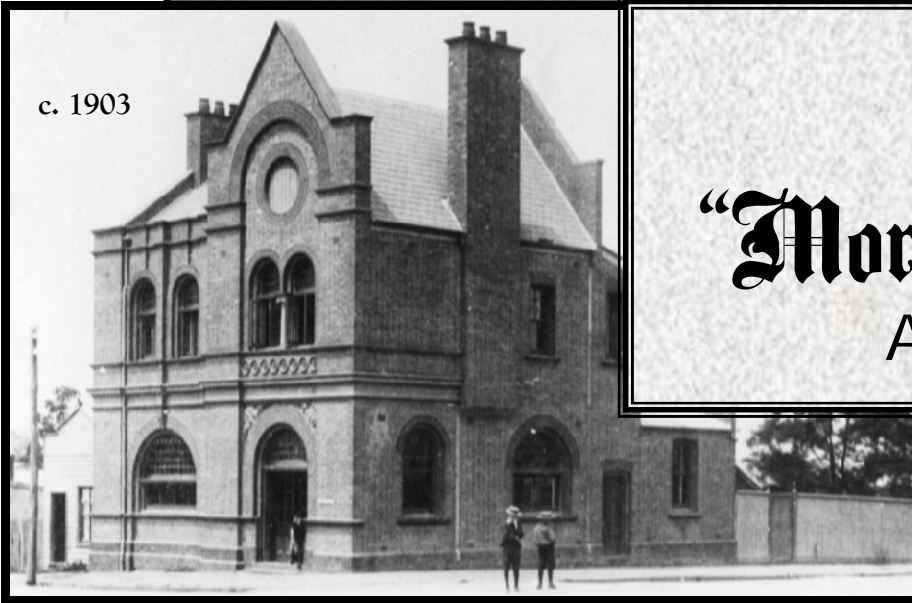


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## VOLUNTEER SMALL EQUIPMENT GRANT

The Society has been advised that we will receive a grant of \$498 from the Federal Government to purchase a video player and monitor so that we can access our collection of videos. A number of these were made by the former S.E.C. and contain much historic footage and we also have tapes of more recent events such as Morwell's Centenary and the Bi-Centennial celebrations.

## UPGRADE OF HISTORIC SITE

Following a request from Morwell Historical Society, Latrobe Council has undertaken an upgrade of the surrounds of the cairn marking the site of the former Hazelwood Ridge State School which stood on what is now the bank of the Hazelwood Pondage and was the first Government school in the area. The Society recently erected a sign to draw the attention of motorists to the cairn and noted that the surrounds were very overgrown. Council has cleared and gravelled the area around the cairn, which allows for off-road parking, makes pedestrian access to the marker much easier and has greatly enhanced the general surrounds.

## HELP WANTED!

Can anyone identify the site of the former bridge over the railway line on The Ridge? We believe it stood in the vicinity of the two tall palm trees which mark the former entrance to the Butter Factory Manager's residence and was the means of access from Commercial Road extension to the Traralgon Road. The bridge was destroyed in the 1944 fires and we would appreciate any information (and, if possible photos) concerning its exact location.

Elsie McMaster  
Secretary.

# Morwell Advertiser

4<sup>th</sup> March 1927

## Store Destroyed



The ringing of local fire bell at 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning last, disturbed residents from their peaceful slumbers and for some time much excitement prevailed, and it was not long before there was a large gathering of folk, the majority of whom were only partially dressed.

It was soon discovered that the scene of the fire was the general store at corner of Tarwin and George streets, directly opposite Mechanics' Hall, owned by "Capads" Co-operative Company. The outbreak was first noticed by Mr W. Jenkins from his bedroom window. He was awakened by a crackling sound, and on looking out the window saw flames inside "Capads" store.

He immediately rushed to the fire bell which he rang vigorously for some time. There was an immediate response to the alarm, by townspeople and members of Fire Brigade, who, with Capt. Noy in command, were soon at work. The building, however, was an old one, and the fire had got such a hold, before arrival of brigade, that there was no hope of saving the place or any of the contents. The

pressure of water was also poor, and there were leaks in hose which added further difficulty to the task.

Fortunately there was scarcely a breath of wind, and as the building was somewhat isolated no difficulty was experienced in preventing the outbreak from spreading to the Mechanics' Hall or other adjacent buildings. In about half an hour after the alarm had been given, the building and the whole of the contents were reduced to ashes, and the folk went home to bed.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The store was closed at 5.30 the previous evening when everything appeared to be in order. We understand that the loss is partly covered by insurance in the Phoenix Assurance Company.

Members of Water Trust consider the poor pressure of water was due to a number of householders leaving their taps turned on in their gardens and stated such offenders will be prosecuted in future.



# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

4<sup>th</sup> October 1929

## OBITUARY



### DEATH OF MRS NADENBOUSCH Snr



Another old and most highly respected pioneer of the district in the person of Mrs. Nadenbousch, snr, (relict of the late Mr Alphonse Nadenbousch) passed away at St. Hilary's private hospital, Morwell, on Monday morning last, after a brief illness.

The deceased lady, who was 77 years of age, came with her husband to this district, over 50 years ago, being one of the early pioneers who bravely faced the dangers, difficulties and hardships experienced by the settlers in those days, and played her part nobly in helping her husband and rearing a large family.

She was of a quiet, lovable disposition and much esteemed by all with whom she came in contact. For over 49 years she resided at North Hazelwood, on farm selected by her husband, but a few years ago she removed into Morwell. She enjoyed good health until a few days prior to her death, when she was affected by an internal trouble that necessitated an operation.

The operation was successfully carried out, but heart failure supervened, and deceased passed away as stated.

The remains of deceased were interred in Hazelwood Cemetery on Wednesday last. The Rev. A. E. Harvey officiated at the grave, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr. J. Bolger.

Deceased leaves a family of four sons and three daughters to mourn their loss, and much sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement.

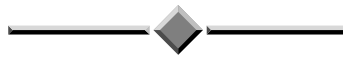
An In Memoriam Service will be conducted by Rev. A. E. Harvey, in local Presbyterian, Church, on Sunday next.



# Morwell Advertiser

17<sup>th</sup> April 1947

## Farewell to Dr. Mitchell



At the Rotary luncheon on Thursday last, the president, Mr. J. A. Goyen, referred to the impending departure from the district of one of the founders and directors of the Club in the person of Dr. H. W. F. Mitchell, known in Rotary as "Doc.", and expressed the sincere regret of the members at the loss of one, who despite difficulties associated with the carrying out of his duties in Rotary, had measured up to the standard of a good Rotarian.

He understood that "Doc." would be visiting Morwell at regular intervals and trusted he would find the opportunities to partake in the fellowship of his old club.

Thanking the president and members, Dr. Mitchell said he regretted the need for the severance of his membership. He had been many years in Morwell and had made many friends. He had enjoyed his sojourn in Rotary, and regretted that the uncertainty of his future movements had not allowed him to go on to the executive. It would give him great pleasure to accept when possible the invitation to be the club's guest.

***Dr. Mitchell***



# *As Time Goes By...*



## *The Changing Face of Morwell*



# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

25<sup>th</sup> April 1935

## Railway Services in Gippsland



IMPROVEMENT SOON

MORE AND FASTER TRAINS

The Railways Commissioners have completed arrangements providing for greatly improved railway services in Gippsland.

It is proposed to reduce the times of the journey from Melbourne to Sale and Bairnsdale by more than two hours, to Morwell, Maffra and Yarram by about an hour, and to Warragul by 45 minutes. More powerful locomotives will be used, and time will be saved on the journey to Sale by running all trains by the direct route. Trains will leave Melbourne later in the evening, so that passengers may have more time when spending a day in the city.

The new schedules, which will operate from April 29<sup>th</sup>, are in accordance with the Commissioner's plan to accelerate railway services throughout the state.

An advertisement showing times of arrival and departure from Melbourne and Morwell, will be found in another column, also alteration in connection with the Morwell-Mirboo line.

Provision has been made for more and faster trains between Melbourne and Warragul, Sale, Maffra and Bairnsdale, and Melbourne and Leongatha.

The early morning train from Bairnsdale to Melbourne, which is now run on Mondays, will be run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the return night train from Melbourne which is now run on Saturday, will be run also on Mondays and Wednesdays.

An additional evening train will be run to Leongatha.

Under the new plan the mixed train from Traralgon to Stratford, by way of Maffra, will be discontinued.

A service will be conducted twice daily between Maffra and Traralgon, connecting at Traralgon with the morning and evening passenger trains to and from Melbourne.

## ALTERED PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES

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### EASTERN DISTRICT

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COMMENCING MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL

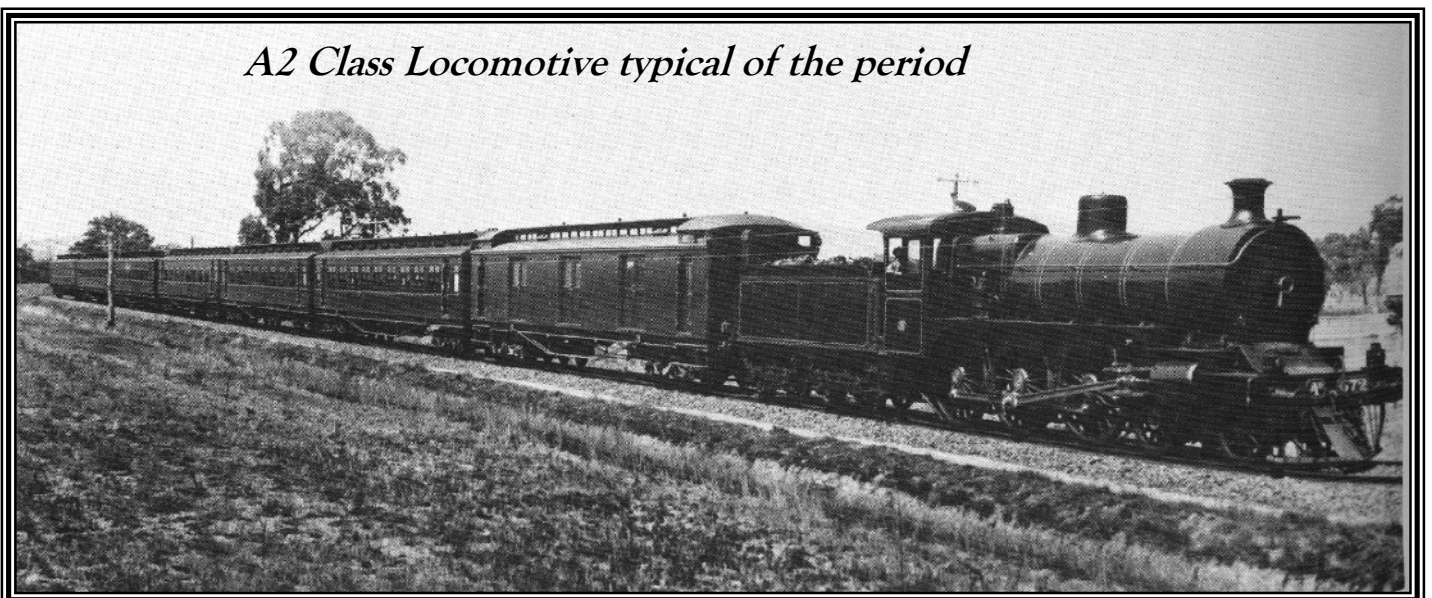
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**MELBOURNE – MORWELL:** The morning train from Melbourne will start at 9.0 a.m. daily instead of 8.20 a.m. and arrive Morwell 11.40 a.m. The evening train will leave Melbourne at 6.15 p.m. daily instead of 4.30 p.m., and reach Morwell at 9.30 p.m.

The morning train to Melbourne will leave Morwell at 9.49 a.m. daily and arrive Melbourne 12.30 p.m. instead of 1.15 p.m.; whilst the afternoon train will leave Morwell at 5.34 p.m. and arrive Melbourne 8.30 p.m. instead of 9.50 p.m.

**MORWELL – MIRBOO NORTH:** The present frequency of service will be continued, but the train Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, will start at 11.55 a.m. instead of 11.50 a.m. in connection with the 9.0 a.m. from Melbourne, whilst the return trip same days will start at 3.15 p.m., instead of 4.5 p.m. and connect with the 3.0 p.m. from Bairnsdale to Melbourne, leaving Morwell at 5.34 p.m.

*A2 Class Locomotive typical of the period*



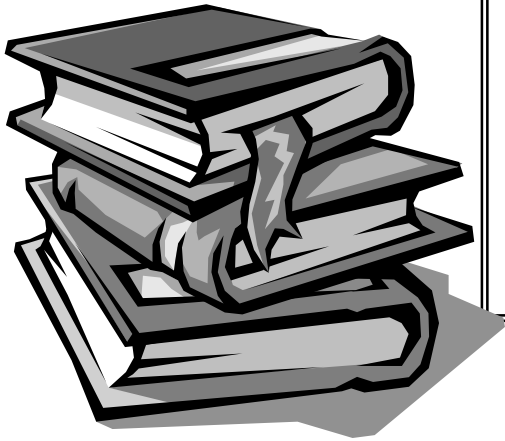
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## ***Next Meeting:***

***7.30 pm  
Tuesday  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2004***

***21 Church Street***

***Everyone is most welcome to attend, come along and join in.***



### ***Historical Diary August:***

***1877:*** Opening of Maryvale Ridge School.

***1892:*** First Shire of Morwell Council elections.

***1904:*** Opening of Alexandra Park.

***1958:*** Opening of Purvis Supermarket in Buckley Street.

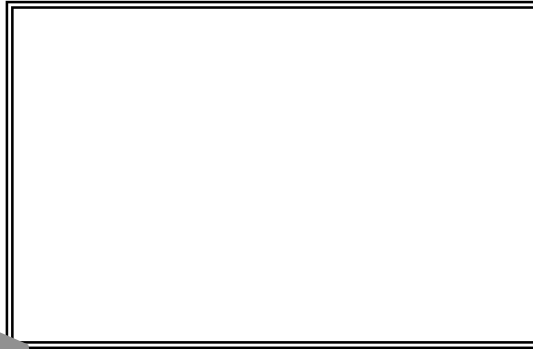
***1967:*** Ericsson's open in Morwell.

***1998:*** Latrobe Regional Hospital opens.

## ***Quiz Corner:***

The answer to our last quiz question was - 1892

This Month: Who am I?



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*To explore our Internet site please refer to the top of first page*

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