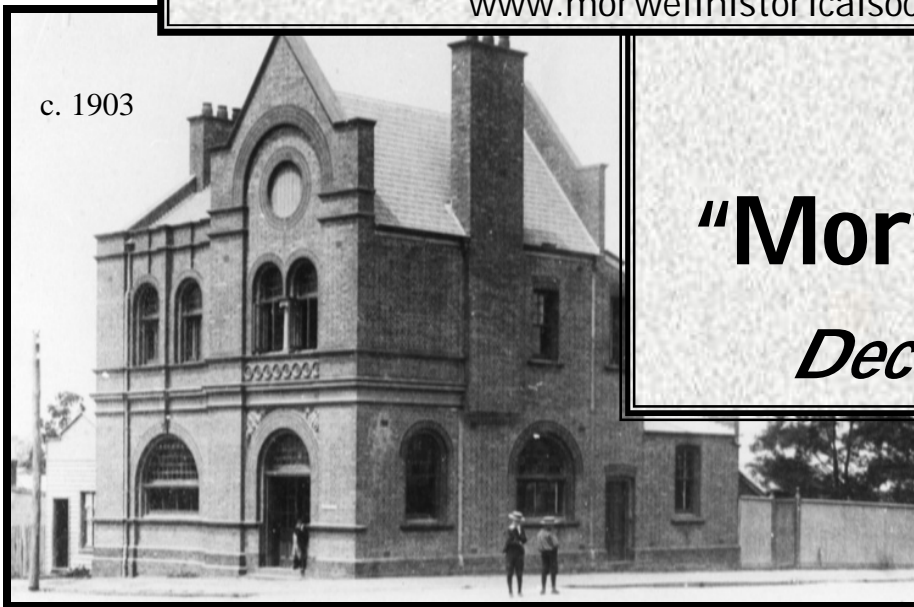


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### Morwell Soldiers' Memorial - Commercial Road

(This photograph would have been taken sometime between 1955 and 1969)

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# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. December 1937 (page 5)

## Wedding

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**GILLOTT—KAYE**  
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On Saturday last, St. John's Church, Yallourn, was the setting for a pretty wedding, solemnised by the Rev. **F. Cooper**.

The bride was Miss **Marjorie Kaye**, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **J. P. Kaye**, of "Deloraine," Morwell Bridge, and the bridegroom was Mr **Algernon Gillott**, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gillott, of Pakenham.

The bride looked charming as she entered the church with her father, by whom she was given away. She wore a handsome bridal robe of cream satin, and her graceful veil fell from a halo of orange blossoms. She carried a dainty shower bouquet of Madonna lilies and sweet peas.

The bride's twin sister, Miss **Dorothy Kaye**, with her cousin, Miss **Doreen Robinson**, of Moe, were bridesmaids, and were frocked alike in pink silk crepe, with matching halo hats, and silver shoes. They carried bouquets of delphinium and sweet peas.

The best man was Mr **Percy Kaye**, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Mr **Norman Wolfenden**, of Ascot Vale. The bride's mother wore a black georgette ensemble, and carried a posy of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother was attired in a navy floral ensemble.

Mr **Baillie** presided at the organ and played "The Bridal March" as the bride entered the church, and (Mendelshon's) "Wedding March" after the ceremony. A number of guests were entertained at a reception and breakfast, at the home of the bride's parents, where the usual felicitous toasts were duly honored.

For travelling, the bride wore a dark grey tailored costume with navy blue accessories, and a red fox fur.

The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes. Their future home will be at Morwell Bridge.

# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. December 1931 (page 3)

## SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

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### SUCCESSFUL PUPILS

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At a recent examination held at Morwell State School, the following children were successful. The teachers as well as the pupils have to be congratulated upon their success.

#### MERIT CANDIDATES

**Morwell:-** Gladys McSweeney, Hazel Church, Gwen Davey, Ray Stewart, Eric Lubcke, Stanley Shaw.

**Morwell Bridge:-** Elsie Purvis, Lilian Purvis, Eileen Walsh.

**Hazelwood Ridge:-** Ruth Courtney, Eleanor Courtney.

**Sacred Heart Morwell:-** Lorna Leslie, Shirley McArthur, Brian Kelly.

#### QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES

**Morwell:-** Shirley Harding, Kay Mitchell, Joan Poynter, Merlyn Brinsmead, Christina Stubbs, Hazel Lubcke, Kathleen Ellis, Jack Pavitt, Leslie Neal, Jack Feeley, Bruce Brinsmead, Colin Angus, Victor Clark, Ronald McGowan, William Davey, Bruce Billingsley, Keith Watson, Joseph Alexander.

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# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. February 1919

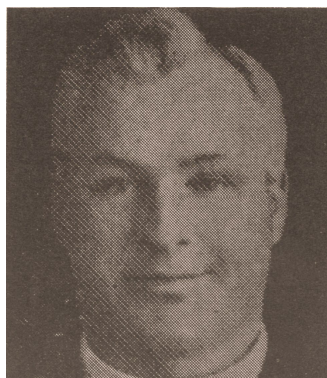
## PRESENTATION TO MRS KEEGAN

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After residing in Morwell for about thirty years **Mrs John Keegan** has made up her mind to "drift cityward," and will be taking her departure for Melbourne at an early date. A number of her old friends felt they could not permit her to depart without presenting her with some token of esteem, and as a result there was a gathering of well wishers on Presbytery lawn on Tuesday evening last, when the **Rev. Father Hayes**, on behalf of friends, presented Mrs Keegan with a well filled wallet of notes. In making the presentation Father Hayes mentioned the fact that in consequence of the influenza epidemic no social gathering could be held, as was intended. They all deeply regretted that Mrs Keegan and family were leaving the district, but circumstances over which they had no control, had arisen which made it desirable for them to settle in Melbourne. Mrs Keegan's many friends felt they could not allow her to depart without some small token of their esteem, and in presenting her with wallet of notes he wished to say that the donors had all been eager to contribute towards same.

**Mr G. Watson** said the departure of Mrs Keegan and family would be a distinct loss to the town. Even in the management of a boarding house their place would be hard to fill for they possessed the happy but rare gift of being able to make their patrons feel at home. Mrs Keegan had a family that were a credit to her, and it was for their sake that she had resolved to leave Morwell and part with so many warm friends. He trusted that the change would be beneficial in every way to both Mrs Keegan and family, and expressed the hope that they would enjoy long life, happiness and prosperity.

**Mr Ted Maxwell** in responding on behalf of Mrs Keegan and family, returned thanks for the kind sentiments expressed, and for the token of esteem, and assured all that Mrs Keegan would never forget Morwell and the kind friends she was leaving behind.



Photograph: "Morwell's Sacred Heart"  
by Jack Vines (1992)

Rev. Father Hayes –  
Morwell Parish Priest 1916-  
1925



Quite a pleasant surprise was created at the Railway Coffee Palace, on Saturday evening last, when lady and gentlemen boarders gathered to bid farewell to Mrs Keegan and her daughters, prior to their departure from the town. The evening was devoted to music, refreshments, etc., and an opportunity taken to show the boarders' esteem of the management by the presentation of several beautiful gifts, Mr **Stimson**, on behalf of donors, carried out this duty. All present assured Mrs Keegan of their happy experience in the house, and tendered best wishes for the guests' future welfare.

**Sgt. Keegan**, in returning thanks for the presents and kind remarks, said his mother and sisters aimed at making the coffee-palace something of a home. They would never forget the time spent with the boarders, especially present residents of the house. Singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and National Anthem concluded an enjoyable evening. Mrs Keegan, who has been resident in the town for thirty years, intends making a home in the city.



#### ***"Who's Who" in these articles:***

- **Rev. Father Hayes:** Morwell Parish Priest from 1916 until his death in 1925
- **George Watson:** Editor of Morwell Advertiser from 1896, long term office bearer of Morwell Cricket Club, died November 1942
- **Mr Edward (Ted) Murray Maxwell:** Farmer from Hazelwood, born Morwell c. 1885, died November 1956. Served in First World War, enlisted in July 1915 and returned to Australia in October 1918.
- **Mr Stimson:** The only reference I could find for this name was: **A. Stimson** secretary of Morwell Cricket Club 1918-1919
- **Sgt. Keegan:** **John Keegan** and his brother **Francis Phillip Keegan** were both sergeants during the First World War. In civilian life John was a linesman and Francis was a drover. John arrived back in Australia in June 1918. Francis did not arrive home until June 1920; therefore John must be the person referred to in the article. **Francis Keegan** passed away (Malvern) 1970 aged 74



# The Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. July 1938

## Morwell Bridge



CHURCH HALL



On the afternoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Dr. **Cranswick**, Bishop of Gippsland, opened the new Church Hall at Morwell Bridge, before a good congregation. The hall, a neat structure built of weatherboard, is a great credit to the workers. It was built entirely by voluntary labour, under the supervision of Mr. **Marriage**, of Haunted Hills.

The Ladies' Guild worked enthusiastically, and purchased the material for the building; and they are grateful to the public who were responsive and helped them to achieve their objective.

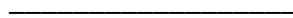
At the opening service the choir of St. John's Church, Yallourn, led the singing, and their help with Mr **Baillie** at the piano, was very much appreciated.

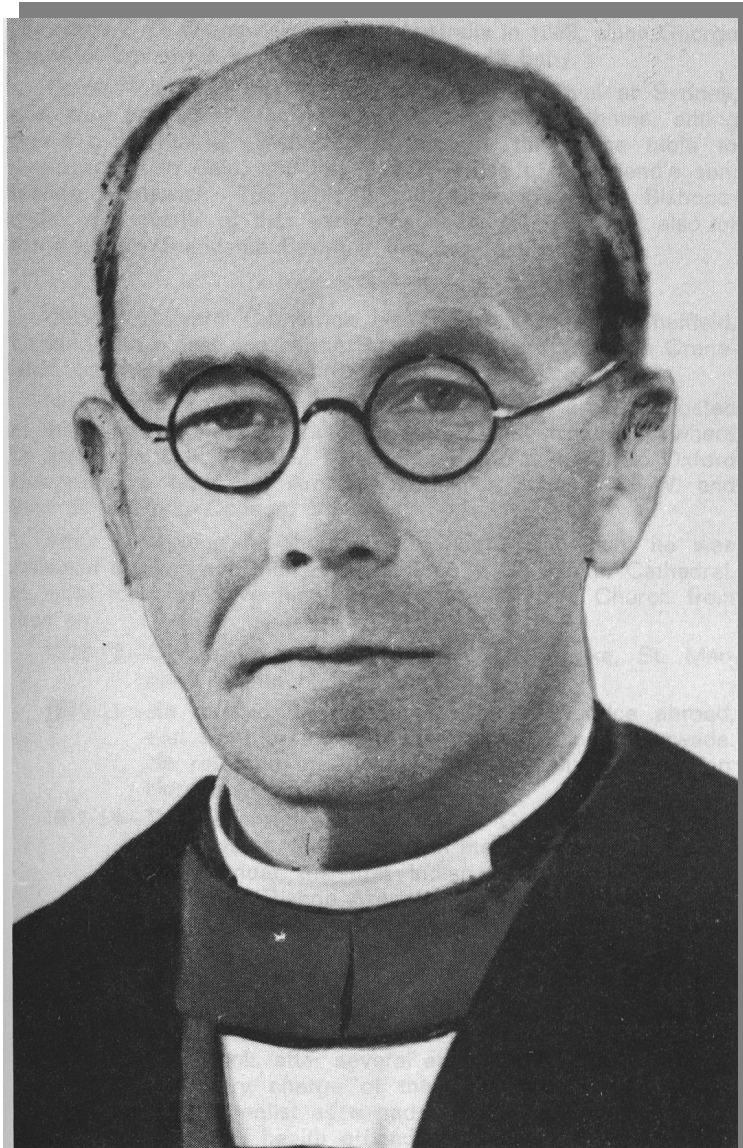
At the close the Ladies' Guild entertained the visitors who attended from the surrounding country, at afternoon tea. Among the visitors were the vicars of Warragul and Trafalgar.

The first Sunday service was held the following afternoon, when Canon **Dicker**, the first vicar of Yallourn, was the preacher; when he used the beautiful Bible which was presented by Mrs **Perkins** and family; also the Stand which was presented by the scholars and teachers of the Sunday school, of which Mrs **Mennie** is the superintendent.

The school which before was held in the State School, is now held in the new Hall.

Morwell Bridge is in the Yallourn parish, and ministered to by the Rev. **F. Cooper**. It is good to hear of so creditable a work being undertaken by so small a community, and we congratulate all who had a share in it.





The Right Reverend George Harvard Cranswick, D.D.  
The Second Bishop of Gippsland.

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Morwell Bridge Hall

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# Bairnsdale Advertiser and Tambo and Omeo Chronicle

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. March 1890 (Page 2)

A terrible fire occurred at Morwell on Tuesday night, about half-past ten o'clock, by which ten or twelve shops were completely gutted. It is not known how the fire originated.

It spread from the Bank of Australasia to Rintoull's blacksmith's forge. The places destroyed are: - **J. B. Miller**, tobacconist and news agent; **J. Patton**, fruiterer; **W. Easton**, baker; **Howlett and Allan**, butchers; **J. Drobinson**, bootmaker; **F. Holmes**, watchmaker; **Adams and Maxwell**, drapers; **D. McKinnon**, bootmaker; **J. Rintoull**, blacksmith.

The brigade had to stand by and see everything burn, as there was no water available. The stock in most of the places was saved.

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**Note from newsletter editor:** the 'brigade' referred to in the above article must be a group of people operating a chain of buckets or some other means of fighting the flames as the Morwell Fire Brigade was not established until January 1915. Morwell's town water supply was 'turned on' in December 1913.



Commercial Road Morwell (date uncertain)  
(Photograph: State Library of Victoria)

# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>. March 1938 (page 9)

## Weddings

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**BOND—BOLDING**  
—

A very pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. **H. Sutherland** in the North Hazelwood Church on Saturday last.

The contracting parties were **Elizabeth Jessie**, third daughter of Mr and Mrs **H. J. Bolding**, of "The Grange," North Hazelwood; and **Victor**, eldest son of Mr and Mrs **W. H. Bond**, of Driffield. The church was tastefully decorated with red and white flowers. The bride looked charming as she entered the church with her father, by whom she was given away, wearing a handsome bridal robe of magnolia satin with a lace trained redingote. An embroidered veil and one of tulle fell gracefully from a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of cactus dahlias, roses and gladioli.

The bridesmaids, Misses **Lorna** and **Queenie Bolding**, sisters of the bride, wore frocks similar to the bride's. They wore wreaths of red flowers and carried shower bouquets of red dahlias and roses.

Mr **Tom Bond** was best man, and Mr **J. Bolding** was groomsman. Suitable music was played at the beginning and end of the ceremony, and during the signing of the register a solo was nicely rendered by Mrs **W. Jenkins**. A number of guests were entertained at a reception at Hazelwood North Hall, when a sheaf of congratulatory telegrams were read, and the usual felicitous toasts were honored.

Numerous gifts were received including one from the Morwell Football Club.

Mrs Bond and Mrs Bolding wore black frocks relieved with sprays of frangipani.

The honeymoon is being spent touring by car, and Mr and Mrs Bond's future home will be at Rosedale. The bride's travelling dress was a rust ensemble with brown accessories.

The festivities concluded in the evening by a dance.

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**From the Back of the Filing Cabinet!**

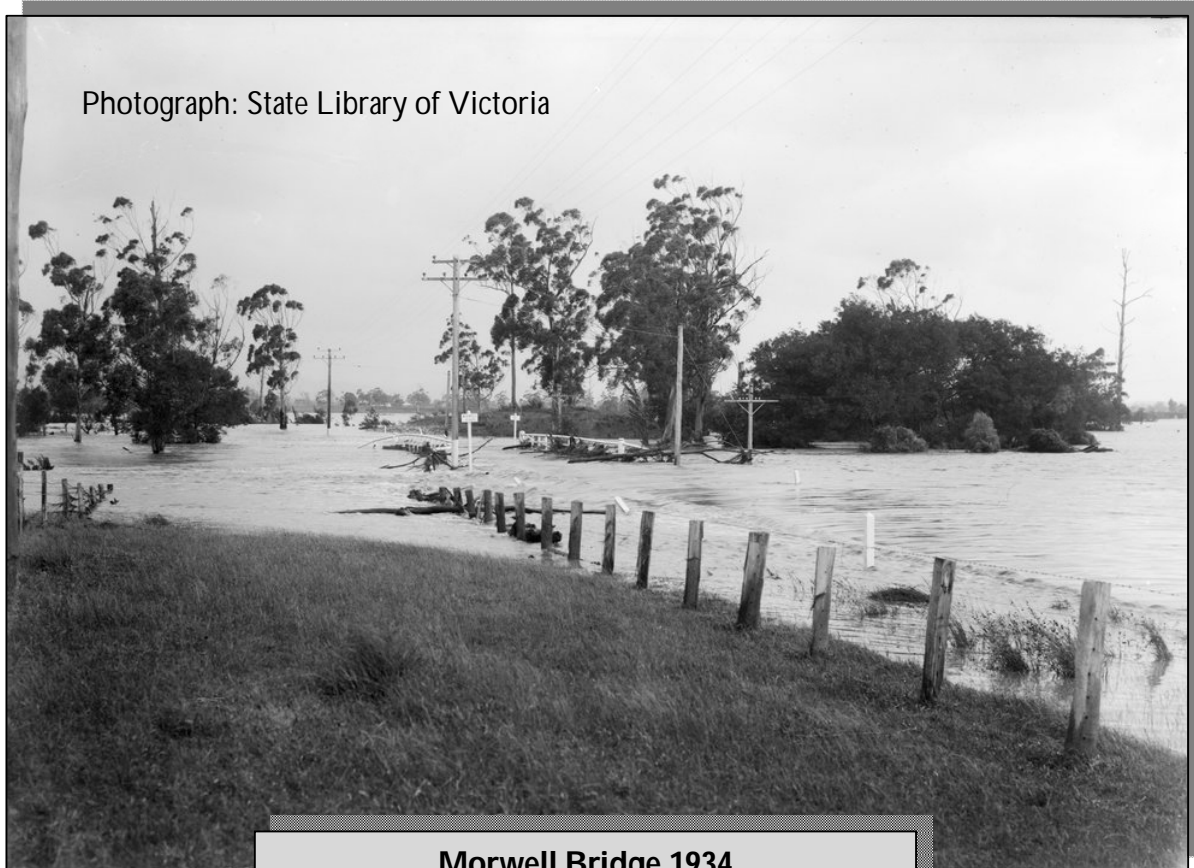


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**Morwell Brass Band 1908**

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**Morwell Bridge 1934**

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Please note that the next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup>. February 2014 at 2.00 p.m.  
At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)



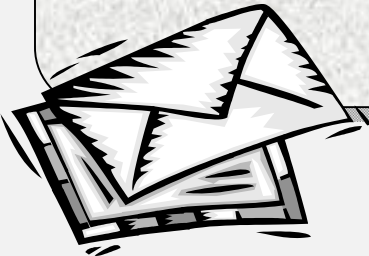
### Meeting dates for 2014:

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

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### Some of the things that happened in December:

- Extensive floods occurred in Gippsland end of 1934
- Faulkner's Self-Service Grocery was established in Church Street on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1953.
- The Gas & Fuel (Lurgi) plant was opened by The Duke of Edinburgh on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1956
- The final unit of Hazelwood Power Station was commissioned in December 1970
- Collins Street Primary School (No. 4655) was closed on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1992
- The *Eric Lubcke* Memorial Seat (situated in Maryvale Crescent) was unveiled on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

The next edition of the "Post" is due out in February 2014.