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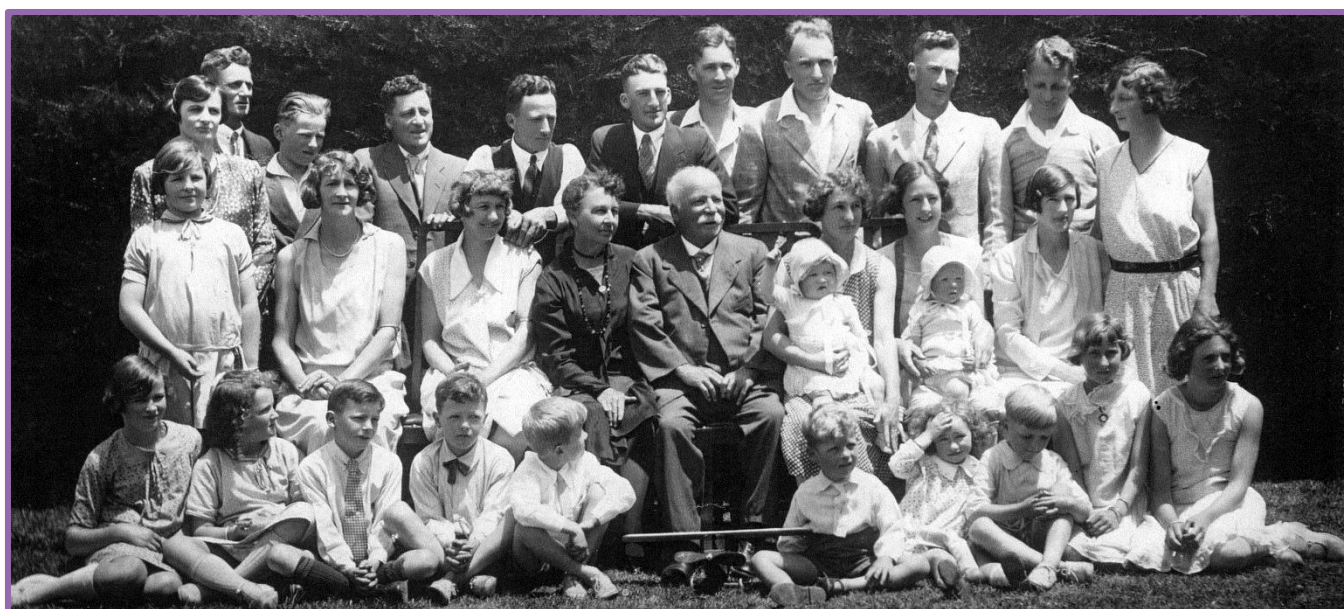
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The Davey Family



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Morwell Historical Society Directory 2018

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| Annual General Meeting: | 3rd Wednesday of March each year |
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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 – JULY 2018

The Society continues to be very busy with building renovations, assisting family history enquiries and completing applications for grants.

In appreciation of the Morwell Bowling Club' recent donations to the Society towards completion of renovation works, a Members social dinner was recently held at the Bowling Club which was enjoyed by all attending. A booking has been made for a Society Christmas Function at the Morwell Bowling Club on 6th December – so please put this date in your diary. Shirley Prosser, our Membership Secretary, will be in touch with you closer to the date with details.

Approval of Grant Application to the Latrobe Valley Authority

Approval was received on 1st June 2018 of the Society's application to the Latrobe Valley Authority for funds towards the Re-roofing of the main building and Painting and Repair of water damage in the Exhibition Space (front room).

The Latrobe Valley Authority will provide a grant of \$40,146. This project will require Morwell Historical Society Funding of \$12,242, and the Society needs to pay the GST costs which are excluded from the Society's application, totalling \$4,808. An amount of \$500 has already been donated from the Lions Club of Morwell towards the guttering included in this project.

The Society is still waiting on a formal announcement of the grant by the Minister but has written to the Contractors confirming acceptance of their Quotes which were included in the application: Millers Plumbing for the Re-roofing and Wayne Vincent Painting for the Painting and Repair of water damage in the Exhibition Space (front room). It is uncertain as to when Millers Plumbing will be able to commence work which will depend on the winter weather.

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Saturday, 14th July 2018

Thank you to Shirley Prosser for organizing the successful Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Morwell on Saturday, 14th July with a profit of \$653. Thank you also to the other members who assisted: David McInnes, Fay and Boyd Thompson, Rosalie Davey and Dianne Harle. Also a thank you to Arthur Kennedy at Zio's Pizza of 40 George Street, Morwell, for supplying and slicing the onions.

Mezzanine Floor

With a recent donation of \$3,500 from the Morwell Bowling Club towards the costs involved, work has now commenced on the installation of the mezzanine floor by members Bruce McMaster, Chris Roads and David McInnes. The Society is most grateful to Peter Koslowski for the donation of a wooden staircase which will impressively complement the installation of, and access to, the mezzanine floor. Thank you to member Chris Roads for arranging this donation.

Regional Historical Group Meetings

It is important to keep in contact with other Historical Societies and Secretary Florence Butcher and I recently attended the following meetings:

1. GAAHS – Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies – Annual Meeting was held at Trafalgar on Saturday, 19th May
2. Latrobe Combined History Group Meeting held on Sunday, 17th June 2018 at Moe Historical Society.

Guest Speakers at Monthly Meetings

This year our Guest Speakers have been:

February Meeting – John Willis (our Vice President) – “The Air War in Gippsland in 1918”

April Meeting – Melissa Scholes – “Re Morwell Swimming Club’s 60th Anniversary Celebrations”

May Meeting – Bruce McMaster – “Re the Society’s Collection of Records”

June Meeting – Graham Goulding OAM – “Re the Gippsland Immigration Wall of Recognition and the Gippsland Heritage Walk”.

Applying for Grants

The Society is in the process of applying for the following grants:

1. Latrobe Valley Authority – for installation of split-system inverter units in the Exhibition Space (front room) and Hare-Campbell Room
2. Latrobe City Council – Minor Capital Works Program – (1) for painting the front external wall, front door and 3 windows and (2) for painting north and south wall: 6 small windows, 7 large windows and two double-doors and surrounds
3. Latrobe City Council – Community Development Grants – for contribution to the publication “Morwell District Boer War Soldiers and Civilians”
4. Holsworth Heritage Trust – for contribution to the publication “Morwell District Boer War Soldiers and Civilians”

Bruce McMaster
President

Membership Reminder

Thank you to all those members who promptly paid their Annual Subscription.

Annual Membership Fees are due on 1st July 2018. Could you please complete a Renewal of Membership Form and forward with your payment. This form is available at our rooms and online at our website under ‘Membership’. Note that on the website, Digital Forms are now available where you have the ability to fill out and sign your Membership Form online and send to us by email – no paper and no posting!

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"Tumma" - Nana Davey lived in Bainsdale, 80 miles away, every few months Dad, Mum & family would make the day trip by car. Morwell home was the scene of many family get-togethers. Morwell represented the names of all eight family members: - Marie, Olive, Reginald, William, Ernest, Len, Leslie & Aidi. Nana was a great angler and you could always be assured of a fish meal. She was 94 years old when she died & went fishing until the last 2 weeks of her life.

Mum entertained quite a lot, mainly Afternoon Tea Parties & Bridge Games.

Morwell was a clique town and one had to be of Social Status, such as Dr's wives, Bank Managers, S. E. P. Heads, Gas & Fuel to be invited. Each lady would arrive in a smart outfit, hat, gloves always.

Maree was the helper in the kitchen preparing Coparagus Rolls, Sandwiches, filling Cream Sponges, Lillies, Powder Puffs etc with cream. Later waiting on the ladies. Believe it or not no-one seemed to watch their figures!!

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Dad also had his band evenings (Solo) several of the men smoked cigars, next day the house would be practically fumigated!

One particular happening I remember is - Dad returning home late for his tea (he'd had an excellent sale of cattle at Heyfield & had been celebrating) He asked us children to come outside & see the full moon, the next moment Dad had fallen on top of the lilly of Valley in full bloom. Poor Mum was distraught! The Rept. saying "Get up Reg the neighbours will see you!"

Alan was likened to a cat with nine lives - he had so many escapades. I remember the day he was chased by a Bull, apparently the Bull escaped from the Paleyards & was maddened by the horsemen chasing him, Alan was out in the street when the Bull charged him, at the last moment Alan fell & rolled in the gutter, going over the top of him!

I remember so clearly the day World War II was declared. The family were all sitting around in the Dining-room listening to the broadcast

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by the British Prime Minister -
Mr Chamberlain. I saw my father
shed a few tears as he remembered
his experiences in World War I.
So ended an Era. —

I was 13 years of age - I attended
Galloway High School for 12 months,
then I was sent off to Boarding School,
St. Margaret's at Perinick for 2 years.
On my return home I was a V.A.D.
at the local hospital St. Hilary's,
later to start my training as a
nurse at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne.
My mother became ill, I was sent
for, some months later I became a
trainee nurse at the Eye, Ear Hospital
I loved it & after 12 months training
was enrolled as a Staff Nurse & so
I stayed on for 18 months - again
wanted on the home front!

Next I became Assis. to the Personnel
Manager at La Mode Industries, Howell.
(did not learn until many years
later that the Managing Director was
John's uncle & by marriage Mr Charles
Rosback!). I gave this work away,

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too demanding.

Then for pocket money I was a shop assistant at "Wardrops Men's Store" in Morwell.

In 1950 I met Colin George Robertson a Shell Representative, he was a frequent visitor to our home & in time we became more than friends. We became engaged in 1952 & married on 11-12-54 at All Saints Ch. of Eng. St. Kilda & a Reception at Dynvor Beaconsfield Parade.

Jan David b. 24.2.57.

Sally Elizabeth b. 5.3.60

Peter Colin b. 1.12.65.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Back L-R: Ethel Davey (nee ?), Len, Norm, Bill, Colin, Les, Bert Heath, Phil King, Reg Davey, Jim Gosney, Ollie Gosney (nee Davey).

Centre L-R: Gwen Davey, Susie, Nance, NANA (Ada Elizabeth), TUMMA (Charles), Marie Heath, Adie King, Eunice Davey (nee Maddern), ?.

Front L-R: Roma, Vorna, Bill, Haven, Des, Marilyn Heath (on knee), Wendy King (on knee), Glen Heath, Maree Davey (hand up), Geoff Gosney, Teddy Gosney, Bobby Gosney

THE CHURCH STREET LEVEL CROSSING

This oblique aerial photo of Morwell, c1953, was taken from the northern side of the railway line looking across the western end of the central business district in Commercial Road. The Church Street level crossing is in the foreground.

Masonic Lodge — Town Hall

DC Mills and Co building Tarwin Street
and Commercial Road corner.

The first floor of the PO has been removed

War Memorial

The photo below is taken from the tower of the Fire Station.



Morwell Fire Station and Bell Tower c 1920 in Station Street (Princes Highway) and opposite Church Street. Between the Fire Station and the Bell Tower you can just see the Catholic Church Tower in the distance.





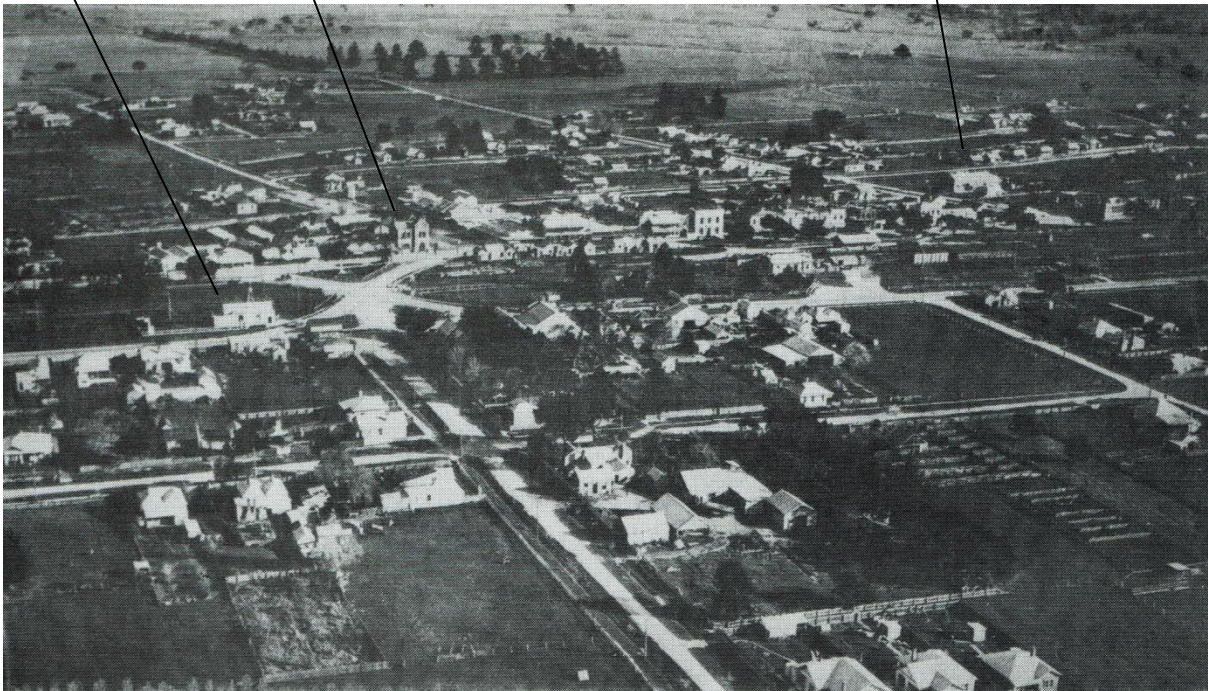
Inside the Fire Brigade Hall c1917

In 1917 the Fire Station was built beside the railway line near the Church Street level crossing. This central position gave it ready access to any part of the town

Fire Station

Post Office

Masonic Lodge



SCHOOL DAYS

Collins Street School opened in rooms at the Commercial Road State School in February 1951 transferring 23rd April 1951 to the permanent site when 3 Bristol prefabricated two room units were ready to receive the 200 pupils enrolled. Towards the end of the year the attendance had reached 263 and some classes were taken in the St Mary's Church of England Hall. Three classrooms were added during 1955-56 and another 2 in 1961. The existing buildings were completed with a further new room in 1965 and a Hawksley building was purchased from the SEC by the local people in 1965. The first principal was Lawrence Kelly 1951-55. The second principal was Henry Campbell 1955-57. In the photo below we see him supervising morning assembly and being watched by a workman on the framework of a new room.



Why the name Shelby?

The school closed on 18th December 1992 and the land between Mary and Patricia Streets was bought by the Kennedy family who made the subdivision. The Kennedy's had to come up with a girls' name for the Crescent because it was surrounded by girls names. Their son was a fan of Carroll Shelby, the American car racing driver and when he had a daughter he called her Shelby. Shelby Kennedy died when she was at school so the grandparents named the Crescent in memory of her.



OPEN DAYS 2018

1st August / 15th August / 26th August
5th September / 19th September / 30th September
3rd October / 17th October / 28th October
7th November / 21st November / 25th November

OPEN DAYS 2019

6th February / 20th February / 24th February
6th March / 20th March / 31st March
3rd April / 17th April / 28th April
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5th June / 19th June / 29th June
3rd July / 17th July / 28th July

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