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WELCOME TO THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

Seventy years ago this month, Morwell War Memorial was dedicated. One of the most dedicated workers for the War Memorial project was John Barton Hoyle, who died on the day of the unveiling. We reprint a report of the dedication of the War Memorial and also J.B. Hoyle's obituary.

Also in this issue is a tribute to our late member Gwen Medew, whose passing was recorded last month.

We have received a copy of the book "The Matthews Family of Lockhart" by Mr. Max Robinson. The Matthews family pioneered the Hazelwood district before moving to Lockhart (N.S.W.). Along with the book, Mr. Robinson has made available to the Society copies of a number of maps and documents pertaining to the Hazelwood and Morwell areas and for these we are grateful.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 18 at 7.30 pm. Guest speaker will be Mr. Adrian Walker who will speak on the Walker Family of Yinnar South.

MORWELL MOURNS ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS - DEATH OF GWEN MEDEW

Dorothy Fogarty

On Thursday, May 9th, Morwell said "goodbye" to one of her "daughters", Mrs. Gwen Medew, when well over 500 family and friends attended her funeral at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Morwell - one of the biggest funerals ever seen in Morwell.

Gwen Medew, wife of the late Albert Medew, eldest daughter of the late Charles and Ruby Koenig, grand-daughter of the late John and Bessie Lowe of Morwell and the late John and Ann Koenig of Jumbuk, passed away suddenly on Sunday May 5th. Her death stunned the whole community and her family. She leaves three sons, Raymond, Douglas and Geoffrey Medew and their wives Joy, Jenny and Kathy and grandchildren Andrew and Sharon, Mark, Kayleen and Tanya and Rachel and Tracey. Gwen spent many enjoyable hours with her grandchildren and will be sadly missed by them.

Gwen also leaves two sisters, Dorothy Fogarty and Lorna Williams and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws on the Medew side.

Gwen Medew (nee Koenig) was born in Morwell on 24th April 1922 and had lived in Morwell all her life. She attended Commercial Rd. Primary School, Morwell and Yallourn Higher Elementary School. On leaving school she went to work as a Cashier in Burvis Stores, Morwell. She worked there until her marriage to Albert Medew in 1943. The Medew family was a pioneer family at Hazelwood. Albert was a carpenter. He died in 1977.

Gwen Medew's family was associated with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Morwell almost since it began, first in Elgin St. and for the past thirty years in Church St. Her mother was the church organist for many years and when Gwen was a teenager, she began to share in that particular ministry and kept it up until her death. She was church organist at St. Andrews for 48 years.

Gwen was a foundation member of the Evening Group Presbyterian Women's missionary Union and has been its only treasurer for the past forty years. She was also a member of the afternoon group of P.W.M.U. which celebrated its 100th birthday recently. Gwen also belonged to the Ladies' Guild of St. Andrews and has been treasurer for the past 31 years non-stop. Gwen was an Elder of St. Andrews and a member of the Board of Management.

Gwen was a member of the Morwell Country Women's Association for forty-five years. In that time she held the positions of president, Vice-President, Secretary and was Treasurer for three separate periods which totalled seventeen years.

In the Independent Order of Rechabites, Gwen joined the Morwell Tent as a foundation member in 1938 and has been Secretary of Morwell since 1970, of Yinnar since 1972 and of Moe since 1980.

When the boys were at school, Gwen took her part in the Mothers' Clubs at Collins St. Morwell for thirteen years (two of them as president) and at the

Morwell Technical School for eight years. She was also President of the 1st Morwell Scout Ladies' Auxiliary and was a member of the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary for a number of years. She was a very active member of the Latrobe Valley Diabetic Foundation and the Morwell Community Health Centre Auxiliary and was a staunch member of the Morwell Red Cross.

In more recent times, Gwen had been a member of the Morwell East Senior Citizens. She also attended the Know Your Neighbour group at St. Lukes, Morwell and she played the organ for the services at Mitchell House and St. Hilary's, both for the Anglican and Presbyterian services.

Gwen was also interested in the Morwell Historical Society. We think she might have been more interested in making history than in merely recording it.

We must also mention that for fifty years, Gwen played competition tennis and badminton for twenty-five years.

There are so many other things that could be said about Gwen. She was a great friend to many. She was also so well organised and efficient in her work at all times. It was her organised life that enabled her to do so much and to organise so many things. She was always a fund of information about Morwell and its families and about the church and its history.

Along with being very active in the community, Gwen always maintained her own garden, enjoyed cooking, doing craft work, knitting for her grandchildren, needlework, hobby-tex and being a friend to those in need.

She will be sadly missed by all.

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HELP WANTED!!

Mrs.M.Coulson, Librarian at Maryvale Campus, Kurnai College, is seeking help from members.

Several local nurses, returning from service in World War 1, were presented with "Welcome Home" scrolls and medals in March 1919. Mrs. Coulson is a relative of one of the recipients, Nurse Nadenbousch, and remembers seeing the scroll in years gone by. She is anxious to locate even a photograph of one of the scrolls. Can you help?

Mr. John Pearson from Monash/Gippsland is also seeking information about these nurses for inclusion in his forthcoming book on Morwell residents who served in World War 1 and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can assist.

THE MATTHEWS FAMILY OF HAZELWOOD.

(Taken from the book "The Matthews Family of Lockhart", compiled by Max Robinson)

In February 1870, Andrew Matthews selected an area of land on part of Hazelwood Station and brought his wife and nine children to settle there. Three more children were born during the family's residence at Hazelwood. They stayed until 1880 when they decided to move to New South Wales

Andrew Matthews also owned land in Morwell. This was sold to the Bridle family and included the area now occupied by Bridle Estate, Mid Valley shopping complex and the Morwell Civic Centre.

When Andrew Matthews left Morwell in early 1880, his second son, James Hugh, decided to stay and continue farming part of the original selection which he had recently purchased.

Another son, William, married Mary Jane McFarlane, daughter of the McFarlane family of Hazelwood, in 1882 and the couple made their home in Lockhart, N.S.W.

James Hugh married Louisa Maria Morrell of Hazelwood and they had a family of ten children, seven of whom survived infancy.

James was very interested in horses and became a well-known judge of horseflesh. Two of his daughters, Louisa (Mrs. Nix) and Violet (Mrs. Leviston) became outstanding riders. It is said that James bred horses for army use and some of his horses were used as remounts by the British Army in India and by the Australian Contingent in the Boer War.

James was also involved with the Morwell District Coursing Club and his Hazelwood property was used for races for a number of years.

In 1909 or 1910, James and Louisa decided to relocate their house to higher ground. This took two days, the weatherboard building being moved by a team of bullocks.

Ultimately, the hard-won farm met its fate at the hands of the J.E.C. and now lies under the waters of the Hazelwood Pondage.

James Hugh Matthews died on 4th May, 1928, aged 73 years. His obituary in the Morwell 'Advertiser' stated that JAMES "had carried on mixed farming with considerable success and that he was a man who was straight, honourable and upright in all his dealings, whose word was his bond. He possessed more than an ordinary knowledge of stock and general farming and his advice was often sought in regard to various matters and found most helpful."

Louisa Matthews left the Hazelwood property after the death of James and lived in Morwell until her death on 9th June, 1940, aged 76 years. Her obituary in the Morwell 'Advertiser' indicates that she "was only a child when she came to the Morwell area with her parents well over sixty years ago and had remained in the district until the time of her death. She saw the wilderness converted into smiling farms and the tiny hamlet of Morwell grow into a thriving town."

Obituary

DEATH OF MR J. B. HOYLE

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of a very highly esteemed and much respected resident of the town in the person of Mr J. B. Hoyle, who passed away at his late residence, Morwell, on Monday evening last.

Deceased was born in Beechworth 61 years ago, his father, Mr Thomas Hoyle being indentified with the mining industry of the Beechworth district for many years. In 1882 Mr Hoyle went to Bathurst, N.S.W., under engagement to Cobb & Co. but subsequently returned to Victoria and settled in Mooropna, and for five years was a member of the Mooropna Hospital Committee. In 1890, 31 years ago, Mr Hoyle settled in Morwell, and some time later entered into business here as a land and general commission agent, and a little later became a sworn valuator and in this respect his services were in much demand. In addition to valuing properties for money lenders, insurance companies and others, he also acted for the Government in connection with land tax valuations and on other occasions, and was regarded as one of the best land valuers in Gippsland. Whilst carrying on his business successfully, Mr Hoyle, notwithstanding the fact that he suffered very much from ill health, gave a great lot of his time to public matters. He indentified himself with all movements for the advancement of the town and district and was associated with various bodies. For some years he was correspondent of local School Board of Advice, and subsequently chairman of School Board; was a member of Mechanics' Institute Committee; passed through chairs of local M.U.I.O.O.F. Lodge, was secretary of the lodge for about eight years, and at one time was Grand Master of the Sale District M.U.I.O.O.F. He was also for some time a member of the A.N.A. He took a keen interest in freemasonry as well, and was a Past Grand of the Morwell Lodge No. 202. He was Secretary of Morwell Brown Coal Development Association and various other bodies, having for their object the progress and advancement of the town and district. He also took a keen interest in local sport, and at various periods occupied the positions of Secretary and President of Morwell Football Association. He was Secretary for years of Morwell Turf Club and Morwell St. Patrick's Day Race Club; was captain of Morwell Rifle Club, and a member of Bowling Club. In fact there was scarcely a club or institution in the town in which "J. B." as he was familiarly known, was not associated, and what was more he always put his heart and soul into anything in which he was connected, and did his part in carrying things to a successful issue. Owing unfortunately to ill health, Mr Hoyle

found it necessary of recent years to rest somewhat from his many labours and relinquished his activities in various directions. He retained a deep interest in political matters and was a staunch supporter of Liberal and National parties. He was local Secretary for years past for the Hon. H. Wise, M.H.R. (Postmaster General) and the Hon. Thomas Kingston M.L.A. (Assistant Minister for Agriculture). Both of these gentlemen were among the last persons to converse with Mr Hoyle on Monday last, before he passed away and were much concerned regarding their old and valued friend's condition. Mr Hoyle was a very loyal subject and during the recent great war devoted a great deal of time to patriotic affairs. He was Secretary of local Repatriation Committee and also Secretary of Morwell Patriotic Committee and in this respect took a leading part in "send offs" and "welcomes home" to the boys of the district, who went to the Front. During the boys absence he was ever ready to do all he possibly could for them. He played a prominent part in the movement for erection of Soldiers' Memorial in Morwell and as Secretary did practically all the work in connection with the matter. Ill health on his part delayed the completion of his task for some considerable time, but eventually the memorial was erected and arrangements completed for the unveiling ceremony.

Mr Hoyle, who suffered from bronchial asthma for years past, had a very bad attack about three months ago, and although he greatly improved he never seemed to thoroughly recover, and getting a relapse last week, he gradually sank, and passed peacefully away as stated, on Monday evening last, a few hours after the unveiling of Soldiers' Memorial, the arrangements for which he had completed after considerable efforts, but which he had not been permitted to witness although he had been looking forward with keen interest, to the occasion, as the completion of a worthy task that was to him not only a labour of love, but which he regarded as a duty as well.

Although associated with so many movements, institutions, associations and bodies, and frequently differing in opinion with others, Mr Hoyle, commanded the highest respect of all with whom he was associated, or came in contact with, and whilst he had a host of warm friends, we venture to say that he did not have a single enemy.

His passing away will be a distinct loss to the town and district, and it will be a most difficult thing to fill his place. He leaves a wife and one daughter and the deepest sympathy of all goes out to them in their great loss.

The remains of Mr Hoyle were interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on Tuesday last, when various flags in the town including one at State School and one at bowling green were flying half-mast. The funeral cortege was a very large and representative one, notwithstanding the fact that it was a wet day. Members of the local Oddfellows lodge, of which Mr Hoyle was a prominent member for many

years, acted as coffin bearers, and a number of the brethren, with Bro. Hinson, P.D.G.M., as marshal, marched in front of hearse for a considerable distance. At the State School the children were lined up on footpath and stood with bowed heads as the funeral cortege passed by, to show their respect for one who had always taken a keen interest in the children and had done a great deal for the school.

An impressive service was conducted at the grave side by the Rev. A. G. Day, who in making feeling reference in Mr Hoyle, at conclusion of service, said he was a loving husband, kind father, a true and faithful friend, a worthy and respected citizen and a great friend of little children. They all deeply regretted his departure from their midst and sympathised with his loved ones in their great loss.

After the service conducted by Rev. Day, a short but very impressive Oddfellows service was conducted by Bro. George Watson, P.D.G.M.

The mortuary arrangements were ably carried out by Mr J. Bolger.

There were many beautiful floral tributes including wreathes from Masonic Lodge, Oddfellows Lodge, and State School children.

From

Morwell Advertiser

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Morwell Soldiers' Memorial.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

MORWELL ADVERTISER
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1921

Fortunately delightful weather prevailed on Monday last, the day appointed for the official unveiling of Morwell Soldiers' Memorial that has been erected in triangle in front of local Post Office. Quite a large and representative gathering assembled to witness the simple but solemn ceremony, and to pay personal tribute of honor to the men whose names are engraved upon the memorial.

Mr C. R. Aherin (President of local Patriotic Committee) presided and at the outset expressed regret that the Secretary (Mr J. B. Hoyle) was seriously ill, and unable to be present. Mr Hoyle had been ill for some time but nevertheless he had carried out his duties faithfully and well. He added that the committee who inaugurated the movement in connection with memorial were new to the inaugural ceremony, and asked that shortcomings on the part of committee be overlooked. In conclusion Mr Aherin formally introduced Senator Brigadier-General Elliott who, he said, was honored throughout Victoria in no unmistakable manner for his gallant conduct at the Front and the fact that the consideration of the men under him was placed first and foremost on all occasions.

Senator Brigadier-General Elliott, who had been invited to perform the unveiling ceremony, said he regarded it as a great honor and privilege to unveil such a splendid memorial erected in honor of noble and brave men who at their country's call had come forward and offered their services and life, if needs be. He trusted that the example set by the men whom they had met to do honor to that day would be followed by future generations should the Empire need them in such a crisis. The General went on to say that for deeds of valor and heroism they had been in the habit of referring to acts of ancient Greeks, Romans or Britons, but they need do that no longer for from the annals of the great war through which they had just passed could be ascertained no end of records of deeds that for valor, courage, and self-sacrifice equalled if not surpassed any deeds of heroism ever recorded. He then went on to refer to numerous heroic deeds that had come under his own personal observation. He said the act of the great Swiss patriot—Arnold Winkelreid—who years ago had thrown his body on top of the enemy's swords, and thereby enabled his comrades to break through the Austrian lines, had been equalled by an Australian officer who in order to provide an opening through a Turkish garrison had thrown himself from a bridge on top of a row of bayonets, the result of which eventually led to the surrender of the garrison. He said the act of Sir Phillip Sydney who when lying sorely wounded on the battle field in Flanders was offered a drink of water and refused to take it, saying there were others in greater need of it than he, was held up as a great example of unselfishness and consideration for others. That noble

deed had, however, been equalled by Australians. He could tell them of an instance of a man not trained in soldiering, as Sir Phillip Sydney had been, who had his leg broken by a bullet, and was otherwise wounded, and had commenced to crawl towards the hospital tent when he was observed by stretcher bearers who stopped to pick him up, but he told them to go on and pick up someone that was unable to crawl as he could do. The General then told of two lads who begged for permission to go out into "No Man's Land" to bring in wounded comrades. They were informed of the great risk that it meant almost certain death to attempt such a thing. That, however, did not deter them. They said they could not stand by and hear comrades moaning, without going to their aid. The lads request having been granted the brave boys made no less than six trips out and each time succeeded in bringing in a wounded comrade. The seventh time they went out only one returned and he was badly wounded, the other having joined his comrades who had crossed to the Great Beyond, and were posted as missing. He went on to relate of how on one occasion an Australian soldier had rushed forward on his own to meet a body of advancing Germans, and killed the officer in charge. The action of the man referred to had saved the British army from serious disaster. The General also related incidents of great bravery and fortitude displayed by the Australians in the landing at Gallipoli. In the first boat that put off there were, he said, 37 men. As they set out for the shore the Turks, who were in waiting, turned a deadly fire on them, and killed or wounded nearly every one. Nevertheless the boat kept on. As rowers fell overboard dead, others took their place. One lad, only 18 years of age, named McArthur, was shot in the thigh, an artery being severed. A comrade went forward to stop the rush of blood but the lad said "Don't bother about me, I'm done for. See to others." The lad continued to row for three minutes longer, when his life's blood gave out and he fell over the side of the boat, dead. When the boat reached the shore, only three of the 37 men were alive and they were wounded. The three men, however, rushed forward as best they could and fired on the enemy. It was the action of the men in this boat that saved many lives in the boats that followed. He, himself, was in the fourth boat and not one of the number was killed. This was due to the enemy's fire being concentrated on the first boat. Had the boat turned back, or the men given up, the situation would have been lost. No veteran troops of Napoleon, or of any other leader had displayed greater valor and courage than that shown by the Australians at the landing of Gallipoli. He

went on to say that the standard that was there set, was something for all the A.I.F. to strive for throughout the war. It was something to be proud of. It was a standard that Australia might now strive to live up to. The General referred to other incidents connected with the war in which Australia had played an important part and displayed great courage, fortitude, resourcefulness and self-sacrifice. In conclusion he said the men, whose names were inscribed on memorial, had, like their comrades in arms, played their part faithfully and well and it gave him great pleasure to unveil memorial erected in their honor. The General then removed a large Union Jack that veiled the monument, the following names being revealed:—

On East side—

*Allis G.
Amiet Chas.
*Amiet F.D.
Anderson C.
Billingsley A.
Butters C.
Butters R.
Brown H. H.
Brindsmoad F.
Collins W.
Collins J.
Cooper H. S.
Capon W. V.
Davey E. C.
Davey W.
Davey R.
Davey C.
Duncanson J.
Dusting C.
*Dusting H.
Derham F.
Derham F. S.
Francis J.
Grauer R. L.
Hall S.
Hail J.
Hare Bert
Hadley P.
Hegin E.
Kleine F.
Whitelaw D.
Whitelaw A.

On West side—

Keegan F.
Little R.
Lock E.
Lyons R.
Lyons C.
Miler F.
Maher L.
Maher A.
*Maitosh A.
Near A.
*O'Donnell T.
Pettit H.
Pryor W.
Pryke B.
Rowell F.
Rowe C.
Ronald A.
Rintoull W.
Saddler J.
Smith C.
Symons H.
Thomas S. G.
Thomas R. W.
*Thomson B. H.
*Tulloch J.
Vinall C.
Vinall H.
Wood A.
Wilkins F.
Warnett J.
Warnett W.
*Young J. A.

*Killed

On South side facing the main street, is following inscription—

Erected by the residents of Morwell Kidney as a tribute to the men resident in the shire who enlisted and in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

1914-1919.

The Hon G. H. Wise, M.H.R. (Postmaster General) during the course of a very fine and stirring address, said he was pleased to be present to join with others in doing honor to the men of the district who had nobly responded to the Empire's call, and especially to those men who had been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. He was also pleased to have the opportunity of hearing Senator Brigadier-General relate incidents of noble deeds performed by our boys, that had come under his own personal observation. He went on to impress upon his hearers the fact that this latest and greatest of conflicts in arms was a righteous and in no sense a trade or capitalistic war, as had been persistently asserted by certain disloyalists, and quoted from eloquent addresses delivered by President Lincoln, Mr. Asquith, Cassidy and other authorities in support of his contention that it was a war fought throughout by the Allies in support of right in opposition to might. Mr. Wise then went on to point out that Australians cannot pay the honor due to the gallant dead and brave surviving heroes who fought in defence of their country and Empire, unless they willingly and cheerfully emulated the self-sacrifice of the men who had fought and endured blood and died for them, by meeting readily and without complaint all taxation required, fulfil promise of all possible compensation that could under no circumstances, be made commensurate with the toil, pains, risks and calamities which the Australian soldiers had endured, nor could any monetary offering compensate those who had been bereaved through loss or through serious injury and permanent disablement of the men they had lost. Australians could not do honor due to the men who had died or to those survivors who had fought with them, unless they realised why they had fought, and why some of them had died in this greatest of all struggles for freedom. They had fought and they had died for freedom and justice and righteousness, and no sacrifice of money that could be made to put and keep in best possible circumstances the survivors who had returned and the dependants of those who had fallen could come nearly equal to the sacrifices they had made. And theirs was a glorious record. After achieving what Lord Kitchener said he would have regarded as the "impossible" in the successful landing at Gallipoli, they, after the defeat of the British Fifth Army, when the situation was so grave that transports were made ready for the evacuation of France and the transfer of the British troops across the Channel to make a last stand on the shores of England, the Australians proved themselves yet further in stemming the German advance and relieving a desperate situation. The French people seemed to realise more clearly the great service the Australians had done for France than did the people of the Commonwealth what they had done for their own country. For while they had helped to keep France from being

conquered by the enemy they had done more for their own country by keeping the field of warfare 12,000 miles away from the shores of Australia, so that those they had left at home, with the exception of such as were called upon to mourn the loss of fallen dear ones, could scarcely realise that their country was at war and her sons engaged abroad in desperate conflict with allied troops of a powerful enemy. When he thought of all these men who had done and suffered in defence of their country, he felt that nothing which could be done for them and their dependants could be too much, whatever the sacrifice of money might be required in taxation. There had been willing self-sacrifice—an exhibition of absolute unselfishness. During the war they and the Australians got nearer Heaven in exhibition of unselfishness and self-sacrifice than during any other period in the history of this country. Now that the war was over there should be no revival of the selfish spirit that led to counting the cash cost of helping the men who had done so much for Australia. Rich and poor men had served together as good comrades in the ranks. In many cases wealthy men had served willingly under officers who, as civilians, had been employed by them as tradesmen, or in other capacities. Now, they must have unity among the Australians at home. Unity must be attained sooner or later. The question was whether the Australian people by becoming united now kept away disaster, or, remaining disunited and at variance with each other, wait till disaster compelled them to unity? The war had been prolonged with advantage to the enemy till disaster compelled unity first in the matter of strategy and finally in the vesting of supreme command in Marshall Foch. The disaster of the Italians at the Isonzo had driven the Allies to unity of counsel and strategy, and the defeat of the British Fifth Army and imminent danger of the capture of Amiens had driven them to unity in command. Then and not till then, was the tide of battle turned in continuous flow in favor of the British troops and their Allies. The estimated total wealth of Australia was £400,000,000 (400 millions). If the owners were asked to contribute one third of this wealth to meet their obligations to the men who had fought for them, there should be no complaint. Whatever personal inconvenience taxpayers were put to, would be as nothing in comparison with the sacrifice of the men who had served them in the field of war. He had been disappointed in the effect so far of the aftermath of the war, that seemed to have brought about the old selfish spirit in seeking personal advantage, which during the war had been displaced by the spirit of unselfishness and co-operative self-sacrifice in money and effort for the benefit of the soldiers in the field. Yet, as President Lincoln had said, they could

"Only strew with love and flowers
The path their heroes tread,
And pray through all the fleeting hours
And leave the rest to God."
The Hon. T. Livingston (Assistant Minister of Agriculture) said he was very pleased to be present on such an auspicious occasion as the unveiling of a fine monument erected in honor of men who had fought for us, and men who had died for us that we might have the freedom and liberty enjoyed living under the

British flag. He pointed out to the children that the monument had been reected partly "Lest we forget," what our Soldiers had done, and the sacrifices they had made. He urged them to uphold the tenets of Christianity and said that every man, country or nation that was founded on the truths of Christianity would prosper so long as those principles were lived up to and carried out. In time to come many would no doubt be able to look upon the monument and feel proud that the name of their father, grand father or perhaps great grand father was engraved thereon. He trusted the rising generations would be imbued with the same spirit that imbued the soldiers, and trusted they would strive to emulate them in the patriotism, courage and unselfishness displayed.

The president of the Shire (Mr. J. F. Daly) said he was pleased to see such a large gathering present to do honor to men who had gone to fight for their country. Many had been spared to return but a number had been called upon to sacrifice their lives in order that we might retain our freedom and liberty. The monument had been erected by the people of the district as a tribute of esteem and respect to local men who had served their country faithfully and well and he trusted their names would always be revered by future generations as well as by the people of to-day. In conclusion he said thanks were due to the Secretary (Mr. J. B. Hoyle) for his efforts in connection with the erection of memorial and all felt sorry that he was prevented through illness from attending the unveiling ceremony that day.

During the ceremony two well known and very suitable hymns—"Lest We Forget" and "Lead Kindly Light" were sung, the proceedings terminating with the sounding of "The Last Post" by Mr. W. Richardson, and the singing of National Anthem.

Everything passed off without the slightest hitch and the ceremony was a most impressive one.

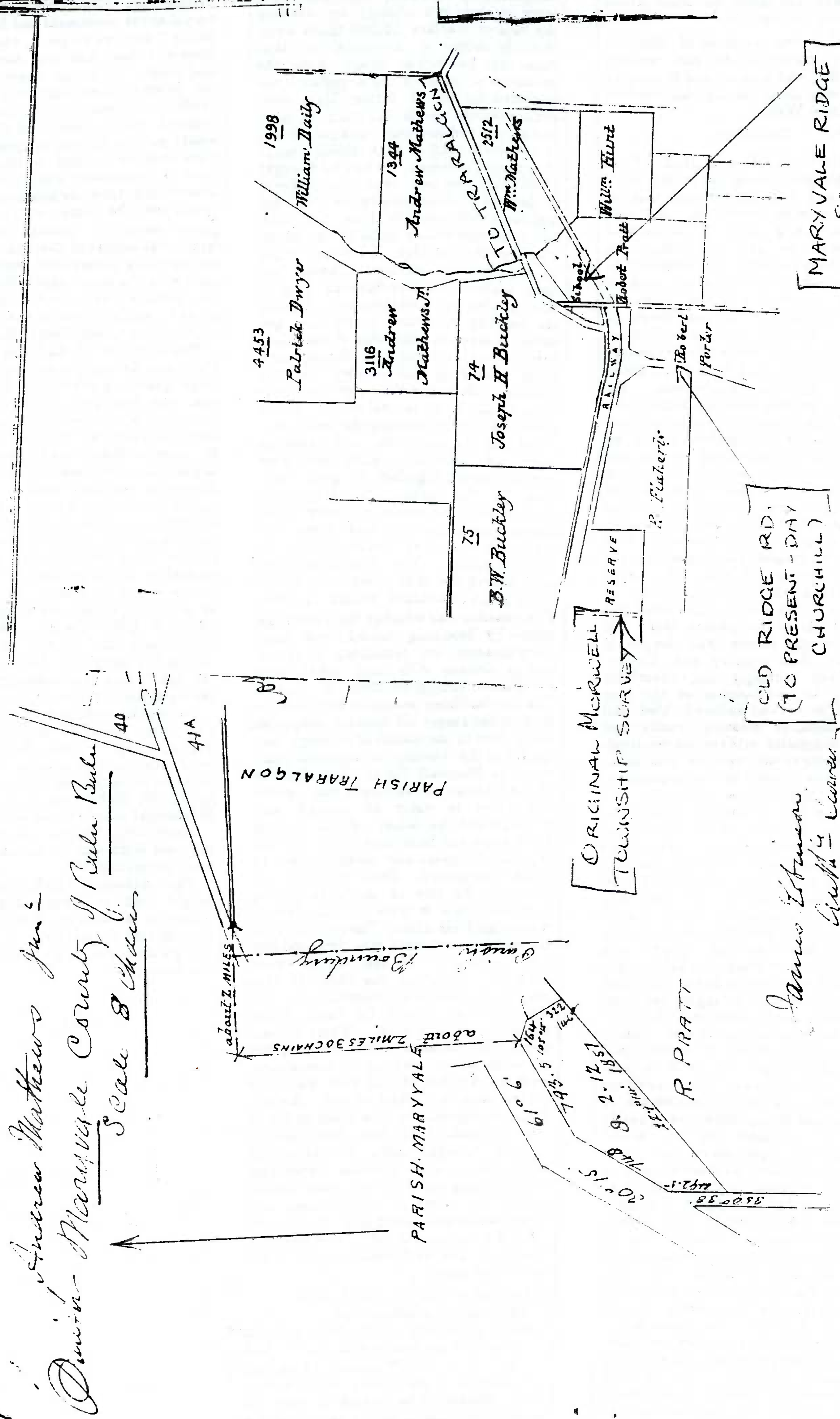
The monument, which is over 20ft in height, and is surmounted with the figure of a soldier, standing at ease holding rifle (in marble), in addition to being a memorial, is quite an ornament to the town.

MORWELL SOLDIERS
MEMORIAL UNVEILING
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From MORWELL ADVERTISER
FRIDAY JUNE 10, 1921
[The Unveiling ceremony
took place on Monday
June 10, 1921]

MAP courtesy Mr. Max Robinson.

Notes in square brackets [] are present day (1991) additions.

Andrew Matthews junr
Division of Maryvale County of Pictou Bule
Scale 8 chains



OLD RIDGE RD.
(TO PRESENT-DAY
CHURCHILL)

MARYVALE RIDGE
SCHOOL

Probable position on grassed
area between Civic Centre &
Menash Way

James Robinson
19.12.77

WE DELIVER !! CAN 'AUSTRALIA POST' MATCH THIS?

The Sale correspondent of the "Guardian", writing in the issue of 17th July, 1863, and dated Wednesday, July 15th describes the difficulties of the mailman in the floods; ".....At Rosedale the mails have been brought to and fro in a boat most kindly lent by the Snake's Ridge folks for the purpose, ever since I last wrote you. Mr. Evanson, the contractor, himself started last Tuesday week from Sale, arriving at the Morwell on the following day and finding the water completely covering the bridge which of course, was utterly impassable. One of the mailmen came to the other side and desired to attempt to cross, but this Mr. Evanson, than whom no one can know the Melbourne Road better, utterly forbade, and sent the man back to Mr. Lear's at the Moe, for the night. At 2 a.m. the contractor rose and borrowing some old clothes from Mr. Smith of the Morwell Hotel, started on a voyage of discovery across the bridge. The hour, the darkness, the solitude, the rush of the water all combined to make this a most courageous feat, and having reached the weather rail of the bridge, Mr. Evanson clung to its outside, and passed along it until nearly the other end when he found that three enormous trees had become jammed in the railings of the bridge, and fixed right across it in such a way as completely to obstruct its passage. Back to the Morwell passed Mr. Evanson, and borrowed a saw and some rope. With the latter he lashed himself to the bridge, and with the former he sawed through the three logs and succeeded in dislodging them. He then returned, fettered his horses and proceeded on his way to the Moe, and, having met his man exchanged mails with him, and returned to Sale, delivering his bags there at 2 p.m. only five hours after contract time and exactly twelve hours since he commenced his first attempt to cross the Morwell bridge. In his anxiety to get on, he intended to cross at Rosedale on horseback, but was dissuaded by his friends, and was eventually taken across by Messrs. J. Peck and Statham of the Ridge, and on arriving at the other side Mr. Donald McLeod lent a horse and enabled him to proceed. Mr. Evanson speaks with much warmth of the kindness he experienced in his difficulties and more particularly of that of Mr. Donald McLeod and Mr. Smith of the Morwell.

• WALKING MELBOURNE •

During Heritage Week the Lord Mayor, Cr Richard Wynne, was joined by Simon Molesworth, Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), and Kenneth Park, Curator of the ANZ Gothic Museum, to launch the book **Walking Melbourne**.

A 70 page full colour publication, **Walking Melbourne** has been designed as a portable guide to lead you on a walking tour of Melbourne.

Melbourne has been described as the grandest Victorian era city in the world. Its history has been shaped by many factors, including the discovery of gold in the 1850s. The wealth generated at this time led to Melbourne becoming one of the major cities of the world by the end of the 1800s. Many grand buildings remain from this period: many have been constructed since.

The aim of **Walking Melbourne** is to guide the walker around some of Melbourne's landmarks and to introduce some lesser-known buildings which, together, give an overview of the City and its development.

Walking Melbourne is laid out in the form of suggested walks such as **Marvellous Melbourne** (Collins Street and No. 333 Collins, for example), **Mercantile Melbourne** (Flagstaff Gardens, Queen Victoria Market), **Commercial Melbourne** (Chinatown) and **Traditional Melbourne** (Windsor Hotel, St. Patrick's Cathedral).

This book is the result of the work of a committee consisting of representatives of the Melbourne City Council, the Ministry for Planning and Environment, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, the Historic Buildings Council, and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). Without the assistance of these people and organisations, this book would not have been produced.

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