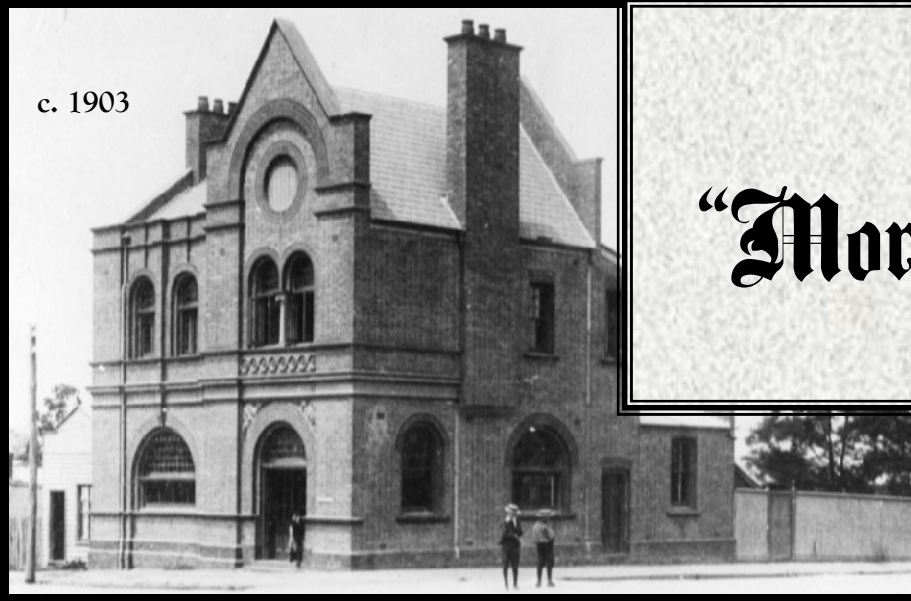


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## Heritage Walks April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

On a very blustery and occasionally damp Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April our local authority **Claire Wood** conducted a very informative and entertaining walk through the grounds of the Hazelwood Cemetery. There were approximately 25-30 intrepid souls in attendance.

Claire informed us of some very interesting facts as we wended our way around the memorials and headstones of our earliest pioneers and those of local family members.

The excursion was a resounding success due in no small part to the painstaking research that Claire carried out.

Thank you Claire

On Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> I took pleasure in conducting a very short heritage walk around the central environs of our ever-changing township. By the use of photographs and printed material I was able to inform the small but enthusiastic group in attendance of the various landmarks which have unfortunately disappeared due to the ravages of “progress”.

I would like to thank **Bruce McMaster** for his invaluable assistance on the day.

Also a very big thank you to all the “Society” members who assisted with the excellent afternoon tea, which was served at the end of the day’s activities. **S.H**

# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

14<sup>th</sup> June 1929

Wedding



AMIET-WILLIS



A very pretty and popular wedding took place in St. Mary's Church of England, Morwell, on Saturday afternoon last, the contracting parties being Mr John Richard Amiet, son of Mr and Mrs F. Amiet of Driffield, and Miss Mary Willis, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Willis, of Thorpdale, and sister of Mrs Bolitho, of Boolarra, and Messrs H. and W. Willis.

The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr W. Willis), looked charming in a shell pink satin long sleeved frock with trimmings of georgette forming uneven hem-line. She also wore customary wreath and veil and carried a pretty bouquet of pink and mauve chrysantemums and fern.

The bridesmaid, Miss Leah Amiet (sister of bridegroom) was attired in a powder blue georgette sleeveless frock with handkerchief skirt relieved with silver lace and wore a fawn felt hat. She also carried a bouquet of pink and mauve chrysanthemums.

Mr H. Willis, brother of bride, acted as best man.

The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. L. W. A. Benn, and Miss Rintoull officiated at the organ.

The church was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums, fern and gum leaves.

After the ceremony a breakfast was held, in the Mechanics' Institute, at which the usual toasts were duly honored.

The happy couple left on their honeymoon amid showers of confetti and good wishes.

The bride travelled in a fawn tailored costume and wore hat to match.

The presents were numerous and valuable.



# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1929

## ADVANCE MORWELL



The new shop erected by Mr W. E. Wilson, in the Main Street, is almost completed and is quite an ornament to the east end of the street. The front portion of the building is set apart for ordinary "shop" purposes, through which admittance is gained to a commodious refreshment room suitably furnished with tables, (tastefully decorated with flowers etc) and other articles calculated to provide comfort and pleasure for patrons.

The room is well lighted and ventilated and presents an attractive appearance. Connected with the refreshment room is a well equipped kitchen at the rear of which is an up-to-date bake house, the whole being built to comply with the numerous requirements of the Health Department.

We congratulate Mr Wilson upon his forward move, and the contractors upon the manner in which the work has been carried out.

To celebrate the opening of the shop Mrs W. E. Wilson who is taking part in the queen carnival and is Queen of Football, held a smoke social on Monday evening last to swell the fund for the Football Club, and it proved an undoubted success in every respect.

The tables were nicely decorated and were laden with numerous tempting delicacies, to which ample justice was done. Mr W. Godridge carried out the duties of chairman in a capable manner and during the evening a number of toasts were proposed and duly honored.

Musical items that were well rendered and much appreciated were also contributed by - Miss Watson, Messrs Brittingham, Abson, Prentice, Grant, Maxwell, Sampson, Molloy, W. Davey and J. Dempsey.





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29<sup>th</sup> August 1935

## OBITUARY



### DEATH OF MR BRINSMEAD, SNR



Another old and respected resident of the district, in the person of Mr R. Brinsmead, Snr., crossed the Great Divide, from whence no traveller returns, on Tuesday morning last, at the advanced age of 83.

The deceased came from Geelong, to this district about 40 years ago. He first settled down at Latrobe but afterwards purchased Mr Mulcare's property at Driffield, where he resided until a few years, when on retiring from "active service," he purchased the old Presbyterian Manse, on the Ridge, near Morwell, where he resided until the time of his death.

In his younger days the late Mr Brinsmead took a very keen interest in all matters for the advancement of the district, and on one occasion contested a local municipal election. Although a man of means, he did not believe in living a life of ease, and was happiest when he was hard at work.

Some years ago he purchased the old Morwell Show Grounds, and land adjoining, and it was from him that the present Morwell Recreation Ground was purchased on very satisfactory terms.

He was shrewd in matters of business and his judgment and opinion was often sought in that respect. In various ways he helped many people in such a quiet way that many of his kind deeds and acts were never known to the general public.

He enjoyed particularly good health, and scarcely knew what a day's illness was until a few months ago, when he became a victim to that nire disease - cancer, which was the cause of his death.

He leaves a widow, four sons and one daughter to mourn their loss and sympathy is expressed for them in their loss.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. G. T. Inglis officiated at the grave, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr J. Bolger.



# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

18<sup>th</sup> January 1929

## Yallourn Hospital



**OPENED BY SIR JOHN MONASH**

About 2,000 persons attended the official opening of the Yallourn Hospital, on Sunday afternoon last. The large gathering included, doctors, matron, nurses and interested persons from Morwell, Sale, Warragul, Trafalgar, Moe, Traralgon and various other places, the road and grounds adjacent the hospital being lined with cars. Indeed there were so many cars coming and going along the narrow road leading to hospital that it was a wonder there were not several accidents.

The building was decorated with flags and everything looked spic and span. A procession of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and the Yallourn Fire Brigade, headed by Brass Band marched from the township to the hospital, which is situated a short distance from the main road to Melbourne.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Chairman of the State Electricity Commission (Sir John Monash) who got a hearty reception, on mounting platform to speak. During the course of a very interesting and inspiring address Sir John mentioned that the hospital, with equipment etc which had cost over £32,000 had been given as a gift to the people of Yallourn, by the people of Victoria, through the Electricity Commission. It was however, the duty of the residents to support and maintain the Institution. He also urged that working bees be arranged to carry out necessary work in improving and beautifying the hospital grounds, which comprise 15 acres.

He congratulated the medical fund committee on the work it had already done and he was sure it would carry out its new responsibilities with credit to itself and entire satisfaction to all concerned. Sir John afterwards formally handed the hospital and health centre over to the committee and gave the key of front to the President (Mr. J. Abel) who after expressing thanks on behalf of the folk of Yallourn, for all that had been done in providing of hospital staff etc. and the benefit that he felt sure would result therefrom, handed the key over to the president of the women's auxiliary (Mrs. J. M. Bridge) who unlocked the door of the hospital.

Prior to the visitors being admitted to the hospital, Mrs. Bridge introduced Madge Isobel Stepnell, a bonny little dark haired girl, who was the first baby born in the hospital, who arrived a few hours before the formal opening ceremony.

It was announced that as it was the first infant born in the hospital, the parents would not be charged any hospital fees, and the first clothes required for the baby would also be provided free of charge.

Visitors were invited to give a gift to the baby, and in response to said invitation we understand that Miss Madge Isobel received nearly £50 in notes and silver.

Sir John Monash



Yallourn Hospital

The above photographs were not part of the original newspaper article S.H.

## Quiz Corner:

The answer to our last little teaser was:

Mr. James Balfour M.L.A.

Your question for this issue is:

In which year did Morwell secede from the Shire of Traralgon?



I'm looking for the answer. Its here somewhere!

*Next Meeting:*

*7.30 pm*

***Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June***

*2004*

*21 Church Street*

*Everyone Most Welcome*



## *Historical Diary*



*June:*

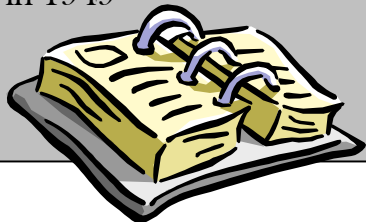
Morwell to Sale rail link opened in 1877

First policeman (William Savage) commenced duties in 1879

Morwell North School re-opened in 1900

War Memorial unveiled in 1921

Latrobe Valley Ambulance Service began operations in 1949



## *'Local History' on the internet*

*(Website address on top of front page)*

*Many thanks to Ben and Mary for their continued support and advice.*

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