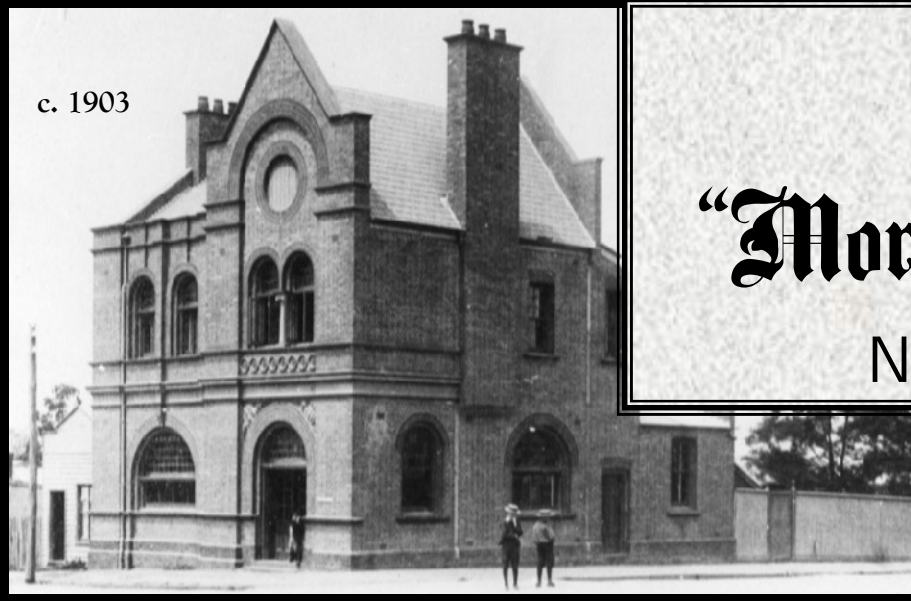


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### *ANNUAL DINNER*

Members and friends from other historical societies met at the Morwell Golf Club on Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. for Morwell Historical Society's Annual Dinner.

Guest speaker Keith Brownbill took us on a nostalgic journey, starting with his schooldays in Western Victoria, through student teaching, teacher training, his experiences teaching in England and China, and his life as a teacher in Victorian Secondary schools, culminating in 16 years as Principal of Morwell High School.

### *PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD*

Morwell web designer Ben Claassens was one of eight people to receive “Pride of Workmanship Awards” from Morwell Rotary Club on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ben and partner Mary are responsible for setting up and maintaining Morwell Historical Society's excellent web page, part of the LVonline website, and have given freely of their time and skills to help many local organisations with their websites and computer systems.

Ben was nominated by Morwell Historical Society for this award and we are delighted that his generosity and assistance to so many groups has been recognised in this way.

*Elsie McMaster.*

# *Morwell's Church of Christ – Winifred Street*

Meetings were initially held in the Scout Hall led by Mr. J. G. Shaw. The Shire Council approved plans in July 1950 for the construction of a new church building. The site selected was near the corner of Church and Winifred Streets, diagonally opposite the site of the “La Mode” clothing factory. The final service conducted at the Scout Hall occurred on *Sunday, 2nd. November 1952.*

The Winifred Street Chapel was officially dedicated on *Saturday, 8th. November 1952*, the service which began at 3.30 p.m. was led by Mr. W. W. Saunders, President of the Victorian Churches of Christ. Also in attendance were Canon Phillips (Anglican Church), Rev. G. Williams (Baptist Church), Rev. R. Hunt (Methodist Church), the Shire of Morwell was represented by the president - Cr. Alan Hall.

The Chapel was built by the congregation.

The honour of turning the key in the door went to two stalwarts of the church, *Mr. E. H. Reid and Mrs. C. Blucher.* After the dedication service a special Tea was held at the Town Hall from 5 p.m. A special service of “Praise and Thanksgiving” began at 7 p.m. The guest speaker at this service was Mr. E. L. Williams, M.A., principal of the College of the Bible, which was located in Glen Iris.

The church hall was officially opened on *Sunday 27th. November 1955.*

The hall was also built by volunteer labour.

*Source: “Morwell Advertiser”*



*Church of Christ  
Winifred Street  
Morwell - April 2000*



# Morwell Advertiser

June 20<sup>th</sup>. 1946

## Dr. Sutcliffe Crosses the Bar



OLDER residents of Morwell were sincerely sorry to learn of the death of Dr. Ernest Weston Sutcliffe, who for many years had been their physician, surgeon and friend, even after leaving Morwell in 1919. For the last 27 years, he was a popular medical practitioner in Moreland Road, Moreland, but following an illness early this year, he retired and took up residence at 6 Landen Place, Toorak.

It was while on a visit to Deniliquin, New South Wales, that he suddenly passed away on Thursday, June 6.

The late Dr. Sutcliffe was born at Warracknabeal. He first qualified as a chemist, and, later, graduated in medicine at the Melbourne University. After post-graduate work in Reading Hospital, England, he began practice in Morwell.

Deceased leaves a widow and family of four daughters - Ruth, Marjorie (Mrs. I. McConchie), Joan (Mrs. W. Warry) and Nancy - and one son, Geoffrey.

(To them goes the sincerest sympathy of many people in this part of Gippsland).

He is also survived by three sisters and four brothers.



# The Gazette

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND. 1901

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## *THE GREAT MORWELL COAL MINE*

**T**he residents of this district and town of Morwell especially should be pleased to learn that, after a lot of trouble and worry, a local company has at last been able to gain possession of the mine, which will be developed by the local syndicate for all it is worth, and operations will be commenced as soon as Mr Tulloch receives an official notification from the Mines department notifying him of the transfer of the lease. The developing of this mine means a great thing for Morwell, and seeing all the trouble and expense that the syndicate have been put to in getting it, no one, we are sure, will envy them all they can make out of it.

That the venture will prove remunerative there is not the slightest doubt, because the men who have now got it, know how to work it, and will spare no expense in opening it out in a systematic and business-like manner. The way the company worked to get it is a sure index that they will allow no petty obstacles to thwart them in the aims which they have in view. If they had been fainthearted they would have thrown up the sponge long ago.

They are not the class of men to give up anything when once they have taken it in hand, and as they have got hold of something for which there is sure to be a great demand in the near future, we are sure they will not be lacking in that forethought, prudence and enterprise which will enable them to put the product of the mine on the market in such a way that it will command public attention, and be readily bought up in larger quantities than they are able to supply it.

It is not physical labour that is needed to make a venture of this kind pay. That is all very well so far as it goes; but it is only a minor point after all. It is the business tact in bringing the product of the mine under the notice of the great consuming public, and the managing of the industry on commercial lines wherein the success lies. This away, all the rest is but labour lost. As our readers are doubtless aware, for some years past the mine has been in a state of inanition - that is, lying dormant.

With all due deference to Mr. Holmes, the former lessee, we may state that he was never in a position to work the mine, which requires capital and influence. This is

proved by the fact that he had to dispose of it to a London syndicate, and to keep on getting suspensions.

Under such a regime as that the mine was of no use to any one, not even the lessee, and he will find that now that he has got rid of it he is free from a lot of worry and trouble.

Mr. W. Tulloch has been most assiduous and persevering in the action he has taken to secure the mine for the syndicate. He was not trying to do Mr. Holmes an injury, but seeing that the mine was lying month after month idle, he came to the conclusion that something should be done to get it and work it for the good of the district, and to achieve this object he labored incessantly both in season and out of season, until at last he accomplished his object.

Of course he had the assistance of a powerful company behind him, and the best legal advice that could be obtained in the district.

When the matter is looked at from a commonsense standpoint it will be evident even to a blind man that the company were actuated by philanthropic motives, and in doing what they considered best for themselves they are conferring one of the best boons on the residents of the districts that they have ever enjoyed.

Any one can see that it is far better for a local syndicate to have the mine than for a company that has its head-quarters in London, and no one knows who they are. The nearer the consumer and the consumer are, as Mr. McLean says, the better it must be for all parties.

Already an application has been received by Mr Tulloch for a truck load of coal (about six tons), and he is asked to furnish information when the company will be able to supply orders, which will come from all parts of the compass as soon as the mine is in working order.

The more coal that is sent away the greater will be the number of men employed, and the more cash will be circulated in Morwell.

That is where the residents come in, and if they are not jubilant over the success of the local syndicate, then they must be very dunder-headed and stupid in the extreme.



# Morwell Advertiser

October 5th. 1950

## Wardrop's Open In Morwell

The 70-year old firm of Wardrop "My Tailor" took over the business of Messrs E. T. Stammers & Company on 1st. October, and opened in Morwell on Wednesday, 4th October, and will open in Traralgon on Friday, 6th. October.

As soon as practicable, Wardrop's will completely modernise the store interiors, and they will be as up-to-date as their Melbourne stores. These alterations are planned for Traralgon in November next, and for Morwell in January, 1951.

The tailoring workroom of Messrs E. T. Stammers & Company is to be retained, and the staff in the workroom and at both shops has been invited to remain in Wardrop's employment. The Traralgon store will be managed by Mr. Chas. Morley, an employee of Messrs E. T. Stammers & Company for some years past, and the Morwell store by Mr. W. E. Ferguson, one of the partners of Messrs E. T. Stammers & Co.

Wardrop's are no strangers to the Latrobe Valley, as for many years they had travellers servicing the district, during the late war it became necessary to discontinue this service, but there are many in Traralgon and Morwell and outlying districts who will have favourable recollections of Wardrop's.



### *Interesting Bits & Pieces*

H Morwell Cricket Club was established in 1884/85

H Infant Welfare Centre began operations in 1929

H Country Women's Association - Morwell - established on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1941

H Morwell's first "Purvis" store opened in 1931

H Norman Sharpe established his store in Morwell in 1924

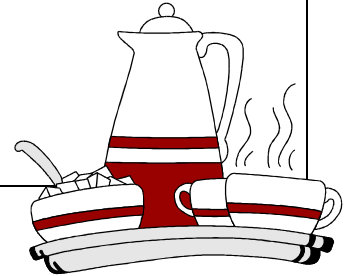


## *Next Meeting:*

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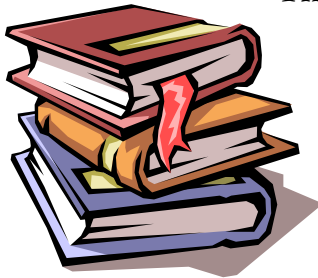
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2003

21 Church Street



## *Morwell Historical Quiz*

*The answer to our last tricky question was:*



*(Mr. Henry McIntosh)*

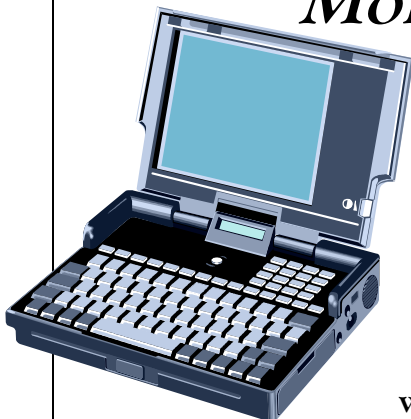
*Your question for this issue is:*

*Who was Shire President in 1954-55????*

*(Just a little clue, a Morwell road is named after the family)*



## *Morwell History On-Line*



*Many thanks to Ben and Mary*

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