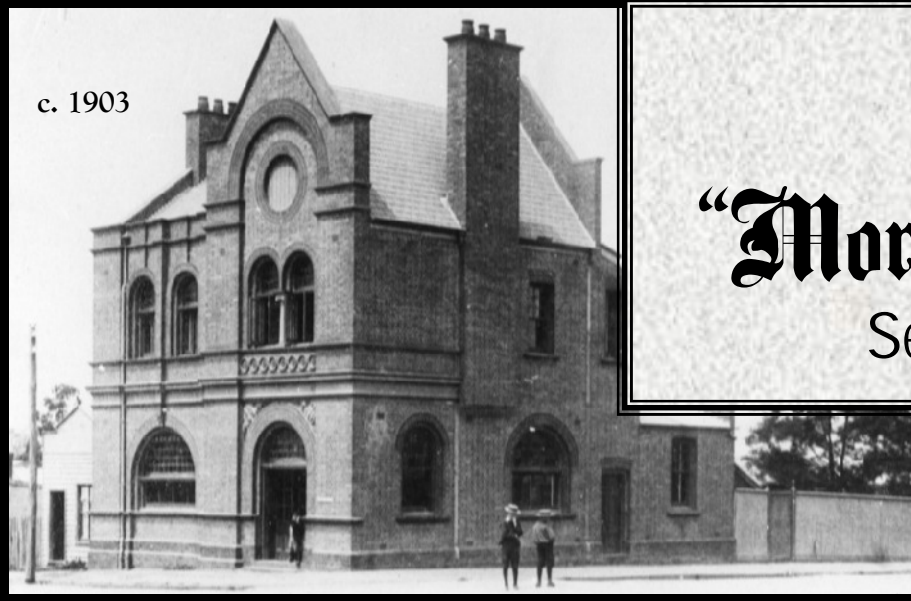


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Morwell Historical Society Annual Dinner

Will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, at Morwell Golf Club 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.
Guest speaker **Keith Brownbill** will speak on changes in secondary education.

Cost: \$15.00.

R.S.V.P. Elsie McMaster (Tel. 5134 1149) by October 14th.



Kurnai College Morwell Campus Will Close in 2004

Morwell Historical Society is seeking photographs and memorabilia relating to the years 1956-1986 (Morwell High School).

Also Morwell Technical and Maryvale High Schools pre 1986.

Please contact: Elsie McMaster on 51341149.



Morwell's Fire Stations



Morwell's first fire station was constructed in late 1917. It was located near the Church Street level-crossing.

By the arrival of the 1950's the Morwell Fire Brigade was in urgent need of a new and more modern base from which it could provide senior officer accommodation and cater for the specialized operational requirements of the service.

Several sites around the town were considered for the erection of the new station. In August 1951 it was announced that a site near the corner of Church and Buckley Streets had been selected.

In early October 1952 Sir **Herbert Hyland** M.L.A. acting in his capacity as Chairman of the "Latrobe Valley Development and Advisory Committee" announced that the Country Fire Authority had advised him that Mr. **J. J. McCall** of Newborough had secured the contract to build the new station. Work was to commence immediately.

Responsibility for the electrical installations was placed in the hands of the firm **Watson Cobb** Pty. Ltd.

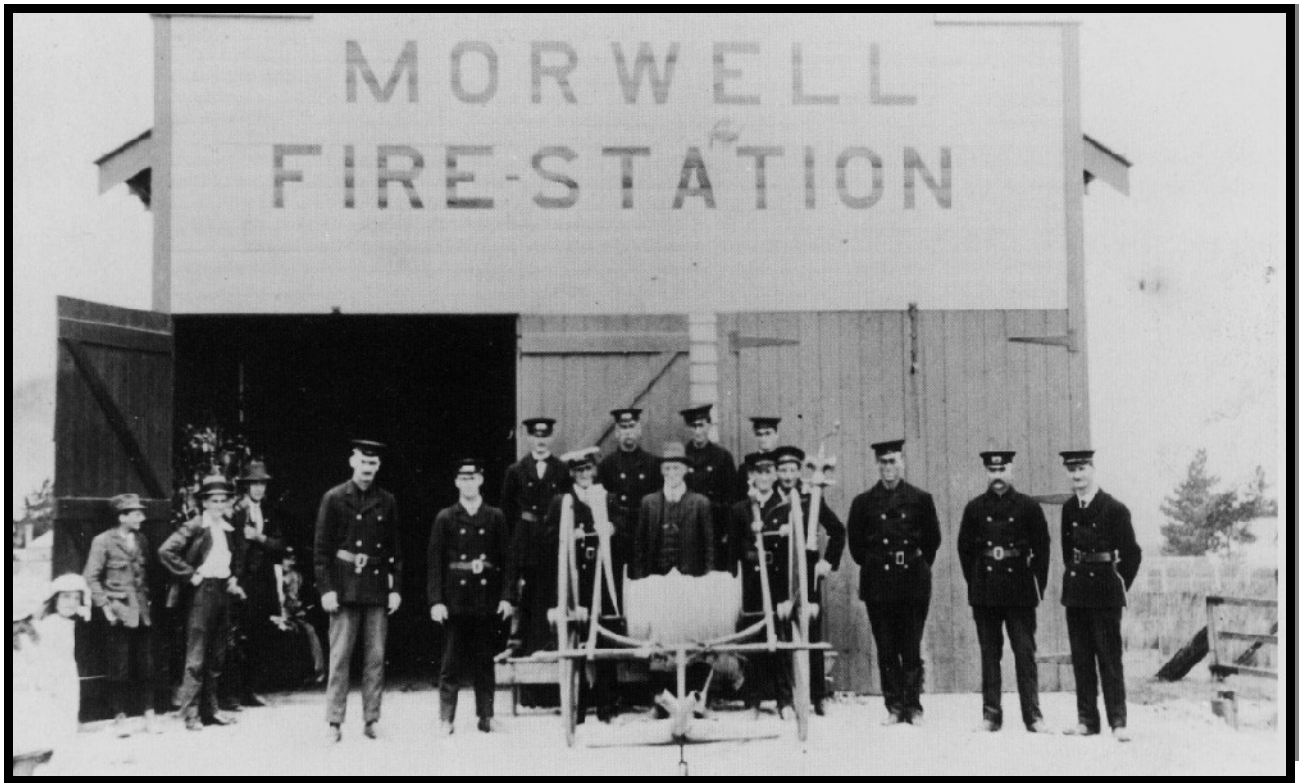
The new building, which was designed by architects Buchan, Laird and Buchan, was completed in June 1953. The structure was of brick and consisted of a main engine room with sufficient space to accommodate two vehicles, a large recreational hall with its own separate facilities and two three-bedroom flats with modern conveniences.

The new station, which cost approximately £19,000 to construct, was officially opened on **Friday, July 17th. 1953**. Chairman of the Country Fire Authority Cr. **J. R. C. Plante** was afforded the honour of performing the ceremony.

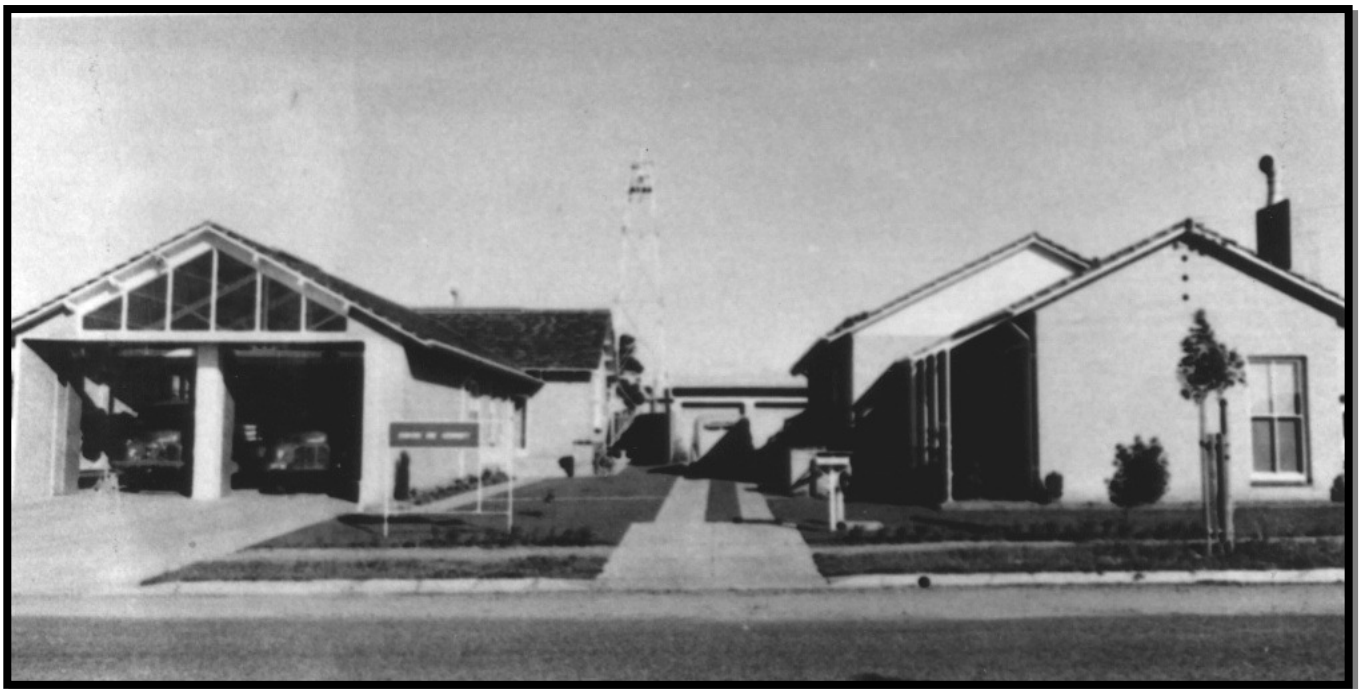
The keys to the building were handed over to Shire President Cr. **Alan Hall**, who in turn handed them over to Brigade Captain Mr. **Bert Lester**; fireman Mr. **Harry Huguenin** acted as Master-of-Ceremonies for the special occasion.

Morwell's new fire station was the most modern in Australia at that time and was to be the design upon which all future Victorian stations would be based.





The Original Station
Date Unknown



Church Street - Late 1950's



Church Street - 1967



Church Street - 2000

Morwell Advertiser

August 8th. 1946

Death of Mr John Flewin



OLD COLONIST'S SUDDEN SEIZURE

FOLLOWING a sudden seizure whilst doing his job of watchman at the A.P.M.'s Maryvale Mill during the week end big hearted Jack Flewin passed to that bourne from whence no traveller returns yesterday (Wednesday) morning at his home in George Street, Morwell.

When medical aid was called after being transported from the mill no hope was held out for his recovery. The heart was affected. Deceased, a native of Bacchus Marsh, was well-known in many parts of Gippsland - particularly in Traralgon, Callignee and Morwell. He was the type of man who made and retained friends.

A lover of his home, it was a treat for anyone to visit the garden in George Street and view his work, which must have absorbed all his leisure hours. He had passed the three score and ten mark and as a young man worked hard in the hill country of this province.

Deceased was twice married, and from the first union at Ballarat there were seven children, viz: Ethel, Clarice, Beatrice (Mrs. Neave), Ivy, Leslie, Herbert and John, all of whom are living.

The funeral takes place to-day (Thursday), the cortege moving from his late residence, 43 George Street, at 2.30 p.m. Roy W. Hastings has charge of the mortuary arrangements.



Morwell Advertiser

Thursday, October 2nd 1958.

MILL VISIT

VICTORIA'S Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, yesterday inspected A.P.M. mill at Maryvale, as a part of his busy itinerary - but he showed an equal interest in the staff and employees.

With Lady Brooks, he went out of his way to have a chat with employees working in the various sections of the mill.

On arrival at Maryvale, Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks were met by the Managing Director, Mr. C. S. Booth, and Mrs. Booth, and introduced to Resident District Manager, Mr. A.R.M. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

They then met senior members of the staff and Cr. And Mrs. J. C. Balfour, were officially welcomed by Mr. Booth.

A description of the Mill and process was given by Mr. Johnson - and both Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks showed a deep interest in the workings of the mill.

On the tour of the works, Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks met Mr. Bert Dillon, who in turn introduced operatives from the hot deck, chipper room, pilot mill and other subsidiary sections of the plant.

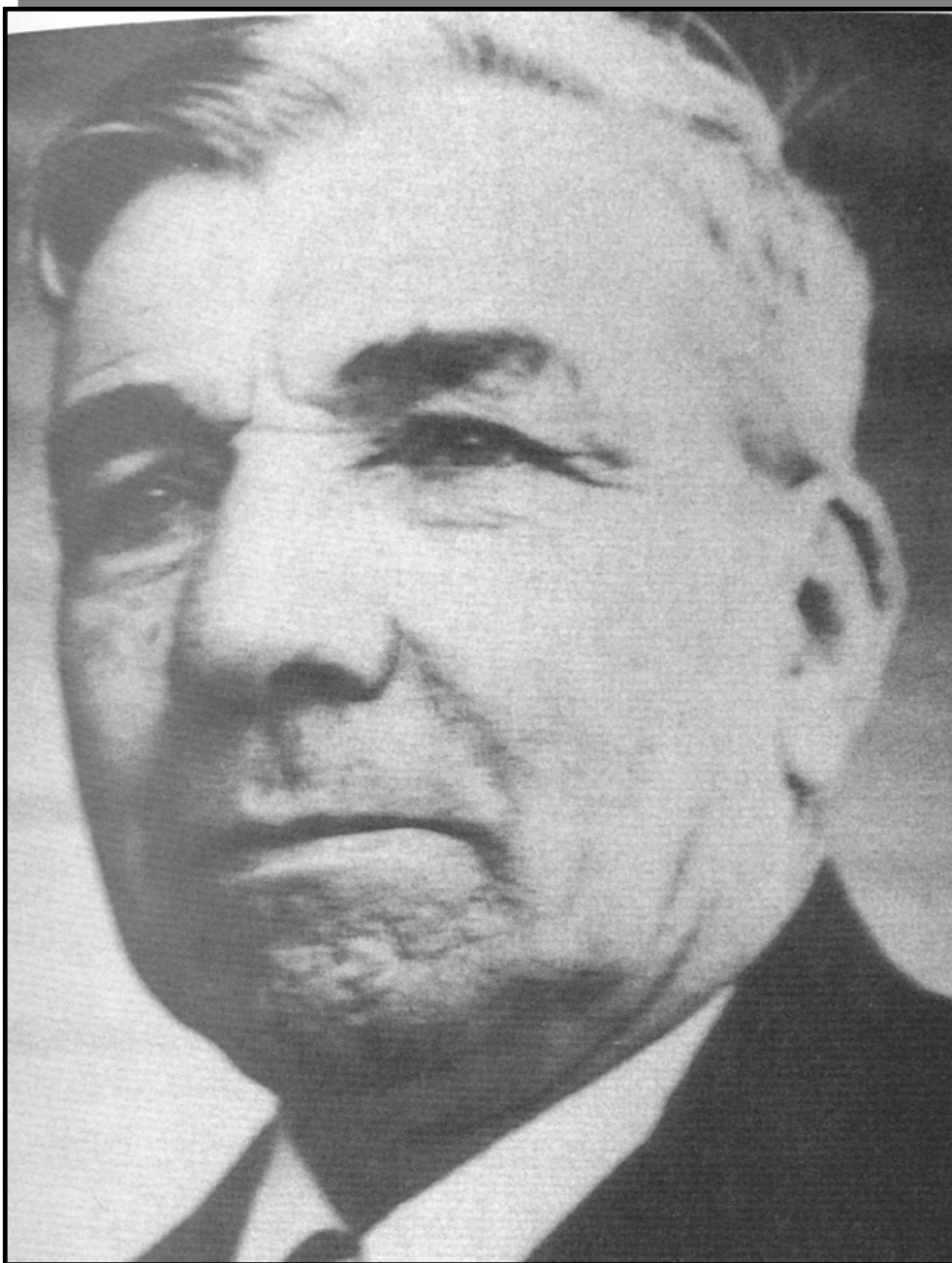
Additional shift staff and operatives were presented by Mr. Norm Mallows.

At the basement of No. 1 heater room, Mr. McFarlane introduced staff and operatives, and at all times during the tour, the Vice-Regal party chatted with employees.

After a few minutes relaxation in the canteen, the Vice-Regal party was off again on its round of engagements.



Morwell Shire Presidents:



Cr. Les Hare

*1938-1939, 1939-1940, 1947-1948, 1950-1951, 1957-1958,
1958-1959, 1961-1962, 1964-1965,*

Quiz Corner???



Who knows the answer to this one?

You may have to drag out the books for this question.

Who was the first manager at the Morwell branch of the Colonial Bank?

The answer to our last quiz:

Cr. Martin Walker

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday
16th September
2003
7.30 P.M.**

21 Church Street

*Entries from our
'Historical Diary'*

September:



That landing – field is around here somewhere

1st. 1884: Opening of Morwell North school

7th. 1968: Passenger services ceased on Morwell – Mirboo North railway line

7th. 1982: Opening of Mid-Valley shopping centre

14th. 1949: Establishment of L. V. Aero Club

22nd. 1953: Hazelwood Railway Station closes to all traffic

25th. 1964: Opening of Morwell Squash Courts



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