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Morwell Primary School formerly Crinigan Road Primary School



Photo taken 3 weeks before it closed Dec 2016-see **School Days** page 10 and 11

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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 – SEPTEMBER 2018

A big thank you to all our members who are spending many hours in assisting with the completion of our internal renovations and the reorganization of our rooms. We are waiting for the weather to improve so that Millers Plumbing can commence the replacement of the roof on our building.

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

HISTORY WEEK

Wednesday, 10th October 11am - 2pm- Visit the Exhibitions - Then and Now, Sporting Clubs Achievements, Members' Memories of early years in Morwell/district

Saturday, 13th October 1 - 4pm - Visit the Exhibitions - Then and Now, Sporting Clubs Achievements, Members' Memories of early years in Morwell/district

AT 1.30pm- **Guided Walking Tour of the central commercial area of Morwell** recalling past owners/tenants and significant historical events/stories hosted by President Bruce McMaster and member Kellie Bertrand who will also reminisce on stories told by her Nan, Joyce Cleary - returning for Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 14th October 11am - 2pm - Visit the Exhibitions - Then and Now, Sporting Clubs Achievements, Members' Memories of early years in Morwell/district

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, 6th December at 6.30pm, Seminar Room, Morwell Bowling Club, Hazelwood Road, Morwell

APPROACHES TO BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS

The Society needs to raise \$17,050 as it's contribution towards the re-roofing of the building and painting of the front room which is being partly funded by the Latrobe Valley Authority. Approaches are being made to local businesses for support with a donation, as a Corporate Sponsor \$500 or as a Business Supporter \$100. Details were provided in the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th August 2018.

We are seeking your assistance to nominate any businesses you could approach to support the Society. If you could contact Elaine Andrijczak, Assistant Secretary, 5122 1664, she will be able to check if a business has been approached by another Society member. Arrangements can then be made for a Sponsorship Folder to be delivered to you or for you to collect from the Society's rooms.

In approaching businesses, we are indicating that support received will enable the Society to continue to grow and to assist in the local contributions that are required relating to the grants the Society has recently received for building improvements.

COMPLETION OF OFFICE

The office is almost completed – thank you to Mick Kennedy for volunteering to carry out the plastering works in this part of the office. Thank you also to Nick Marino for again volunteering and painting this area.

Past Guest Speakers:

July Meeting - Bruce Reynolds – “Coal Mining in the Latrobe Valley from 1900 onwards”

August Meeting - No Guest Speaker

September Meeting – Bill Meinhardt – “Shared photos he had taken of Morwell central business district in the early 1990s”

BRUCE MCMASTER

President

Then and Now

In 1902 George Dayble purchased 1 acre of land containing a house and a building on the corner of Church and Station Streets (now Princes Drive) from W Tulloch.

George Dayble's Blacksmith shop

GENERAL
BLACKSMITH &
COACHBUILDER
C DAYBLE
ALL KINDS
Of
VEHICLES
MADE TO ORDER
HORSES
CAREFULLY SHOD
PLAIN SHOES 4/-
HEELS 5/-
HEELS & TOES 6/-
REMOVES 2/-
FOR CASH OR
TIME PAYMENT
FARM
IMPLEMENTS
BEST MAKES
SUPPLIED



Now

Morwell's 1st Postal service was provided soon after the arrival of the first train on 1st June 1877. The Post Office official name was the Morwell Station Post Office. It was merely a branch of the Morwell Bridge Post Office.

The 2nd site 1880-1886 was an annex of CO Gilbert's store in Commercial Road.

The 3rd site 1886-1891 was near the corner of Tarwin and George Streets.

The 4th Post Office, a magnificent two story building on the corner of Commercial Road and Tarwin Street operated from 1892-1955.

The 5th Post Office and present site is on the corner of Church Street and Princes Drive was opened in 1955.

Photo taken May 2018



THIS MAY SEEM A LITTLE REMOVED FOR OUR LOCAL HISTORY BUT WE FEEL THE NEED TO HONOUR THIS GREAT MAN

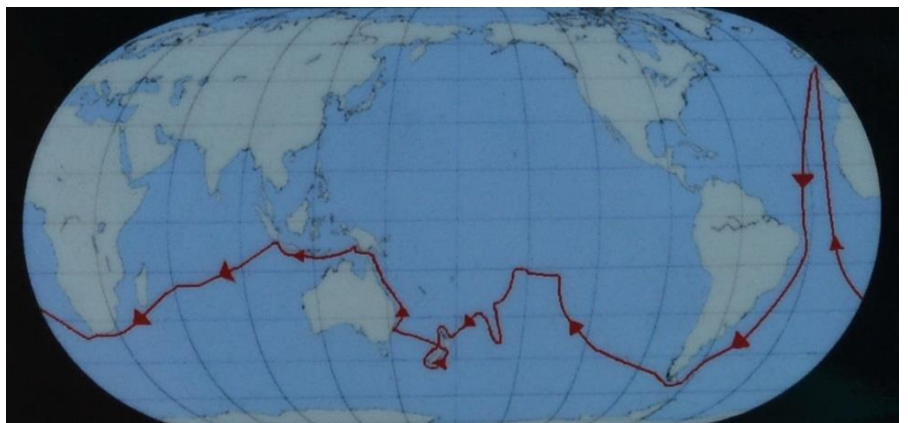
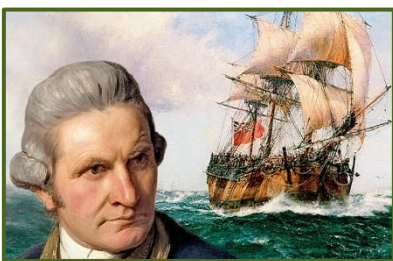
250 years since Captain James Cook set sail from Plymouth August 26th, 1768

In March 1768 the British Admiralty purchased a Whitby-built barque, it was renamed *HMS Endeavour* and refitted for an expedition sponsored by the Royal Society in London to observe from the Pacific Ocean in 1769, the transit of the planet Venus across the sun. The Admiralty elected to continue the expedition into the South Pacific in search of the unknown southern land, Terra Australis Incognita and placed Lieutenant Cook in command.

The 368 ton *Endeavour* had a length of 105 feet and a draft of 14 feet when fully loaded and she sailed out of Plymouth on 26 August 1768. There were 71 in the ship's company and the remainder were Scientists and members of the Royal Society.

The voyage across the Atlantic Ocean followed the South American coastline, rounded Cape Horn into the South Pacific and headed north to Matavai Bay, Tahiti. On 3 June 1769 from Tahiti, the distance of the earth from the sun was calculated by observation of the transit of Venus across the sun. In October 1769 Cook reached New Zealand and mapped the coastlines of the North and South Islands proving it to be two islands. In March 1770 he went ashore to formally proclaim British sovereignty over New Zealand. Cook sighted the east coast of the great south land on 29 April 1770 and went ashore in one of the ship's boats on the southern shore of Botany Bay at Sting Ray Harbour, where he raised the Union Flag and claimed the land which he named New South Wales. for Britian. During the following four months the *Endeavour* charted the east coast sailing northwards for over 2,000 miles and put it and the extensive coral reef on the map.

Captain Cook's circumnavigation.



It must be remembered that Cook did not “discover” Australia; he found the east coast and charted it, having mapped the positions of Australia and New Zealand. His findings aroused interest in Australia as a place for colonisation. It is impossible to say who first “discovered” Australia. Dutchmen, Portuguese, Spaniards and people from south east Asia all voyaged this way. In all probability, Willem Jansz, in the Dutch ship, the *Duyfken* and his men were the first Europeans to see Australia in 1606, although Pedro de Quiros, the Portuguese born explorer, is credited as the first to use the name Australia for the Great Southern Continent.

More information from: <https://www.captaincooksociety.com/home>

Faithful Service

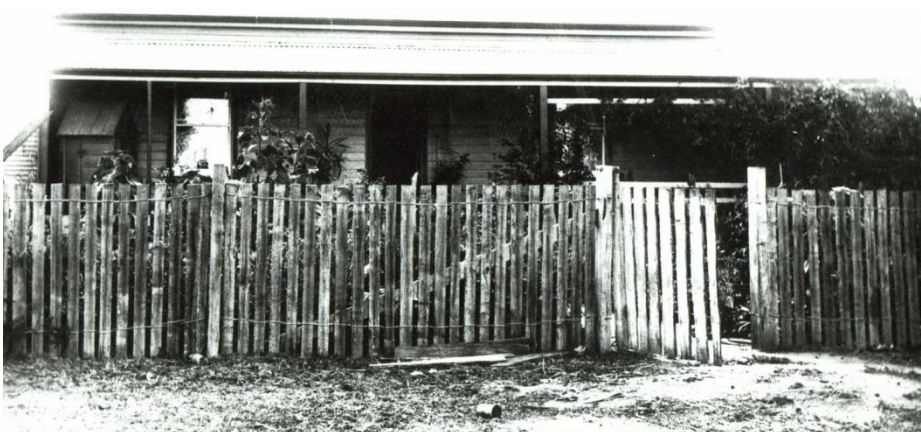
Last Friday at the age of 78 years **Jack Westley** laid aside his broom and shovel on the termination of 37 years of service to the Morwell Shire. His well known figure will be missed in the business section of the town where every man was his friend and where his honest, untiring efforts in the cause of municipal cleanliness had earned the respect and gratitude of business men past and present. He has a fund of reminiscences of the changes that have come over the face of the Morwell commercial centre and kindly memories of his many friends who had passed on in an association with the town the exceeds half a century.

He is proudest of the time when he so faithfully tended Morwell's 24 steel lamps over 52 weeks in the year and walked 3 miles each evening to light them. Jack does not contemplate complete retirement and will continue to undertake odd jobs of carting for those who have for so long depended on him for these services. Marking the termination of his service the council approved the payment to him of equivalent of six months leave and a letter will go forward expressing its appreciation of his service.

Morwell Advertiser Thursday 29th July 1948 p 4

Eli, who was known as Jack, and Annie lived at 46 George Street. They had 4 children John, Ella, Hector and Violet and 2 draught horses Daisy and Bluey. We are very fortunate to have his 1921 diary and his daily entries give us a glimpse of his day to day activities. He often carted a load of sand, sometimes filled in pot holes, frequently cleaned out drains, went after rabbits, mushrooms and fire wood, had his horses shod at Rintoul's, crutched and shored sheep, planted raspberries and broad beans, cleaned the bank windows and each week he took his account to the Shire. Nearly every Sunday he drove Daisy to the Cemetery. Hector died of pneumonia in 1919. Annie died in 1934 and Jack died in 1953 aged 85.

The Westley's house at 46 George Street



daughter Violet



On page 4, the photo of Dayble's Blacksmith shop, shows one of the 24 steel lamps on the left, that Jack lit each evening.

On the following page is a random entry from his diary of 1921.

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER, 1921

Monday 31
shearing at J. Ryan's 20 paid 10/-

Tuesday 1
^{Cap Day}
cleaned the drains +
went up to do Bill Buckley's, but they was not there

Wednesday 2
Mr. Allen 1 load of ridge sand 5/-
+
shore Bill Buckley's 18 sheep. after, worth 12/6.
went to the Gravel pits for a load of white sand, brought home
fixing sand for Mr. Allen 2/-

Thursday 3
2 loads of ridge sent to Crawley at 4/- a load 8/-
Shire filling hole ^{and} near Jack Keegan's old place 5/-

Friday 4
cleaned the drains +
Shire cleaning out tile drain and further on near Tom Duggan
+ Hall's new house 10/-
Paid Bills this evening to Treves. Jenkins. Thomson. Frances.

Saturday 5
shearing Joe Williamson's sheep 30 paid 16/-

Sunday 6
^{24th after Trinity}
drove Dairy to the Cemetery.

The Journal of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria was first published on Monday 1st
June 1936



Message from The Chairman

THE Editor has asked me for a foreword for this, the first issue of the "S.E.C. Magazine." I comply the more readily, and with the greater pleasure, because it affords me the opportunity of expressing the sincere good wishes for its success of my fellow-Commissioners and myself.

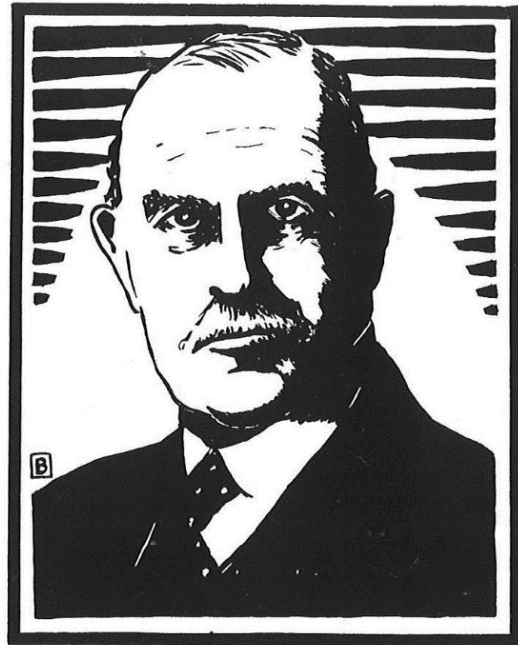
The institution of this publication, although an innovation as far as the Electricity Commission is concerned, would be nothing new in the organisations of large undertakings devoted to the service of the public, whether under private or public control, and we cannot be accused of megalomania if we openly claim that we are already a large undertaking, and, owing to the nature of our activities, inevitably subject to the process of continued further expansion. Some, however, may ask—"But why a Magazine?

What relation is there between delving for tertiary vegetable detritus; the consolidation of the same into briquettes, and the generation and distribution of a form of energy, which warrants a new and extended use of printer's ink?" Is not the answer that that entity known as the "S.E.C." is not only a conglomerate of technical activities and processes; of entering figures into books; of machine writing and calculating; of inditing and poring over reports; of preparing drawings according to established conventions, and so on—but in its composition there also enters the human element represented by the 5600 "featherless bipeds" or "souls" on the Commission's register?

This human material is segregated into departments and teams carrying out various technical processes. It is scattered horizontally throughout the whole of the State, and vertically between 3000 ft. above and 60 ft. below sea level, and the bond of human fellowship between the individual components is necessarily poor, even in the large metropolitan buildings, where, during working hours, individuals are largely separated from one another by diaphragms of reinforced concrete, and probably know one another mainly from casual meetings in the lifts or on the stairs. Individuals or groups thus live and work in more or less isolation.

It is largely to assist in breaking down this isolation that the "S.E.C. Magazine" is being started on its way, and to this end it is the intention of the Editor and those more immediately collaborating with him that it shall be thoroughly representative of the social, recreational and non-official activities of the whole of the Commission's employees. I feel sure that, as time progresses, that talent, at present more or less latent, but known to exist within the organisation, will be readily placed at the disposal of the new venture, and thus enhance its interest and usefulness.

I commend the new Magazine with confidence to the goodwill and co-operation of all in the Commission's service.



Mr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLEMENTS
M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E., M.I.E. (Aust.).
Chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria

F. W. Clements
Chairman.

School Days

CRINIGAN ROAD

State School 4692 situated on the corner of Maryvale Road and Crinigan Road was built during 1956 but unsurfaced roads were so bad that enrolments were not taken until 29th July 1957. Grades 5 and 6 level had 66 pupils who were taught by WP Liston (Acting HT) and RJ Mentiplay. Further enrolments, for the lower grades, took place in August 1957 and DW Pollock became acting HT till the end of the year. In 1961 an additional 8 classrooms were added to the original 8 for a total of 16 classrooms. It was originally to be known as Maryvale Road State School, but the name was changed to Crinigan Road State School. As this area of Morwell continued to grow, the enrolment increased steadily to reach a maximum of 825 pupils in 1968. Four portable classrooms were erected as temporary accommodation until the opening of Morwell Park Primary School in 1969 eased the pressure on Crinigan Road Primary School as well as on Tobruk Street Primary School. Attendance at the school stabilised at about 550 level. When the school closed in 2016 it had an enrolment of 143 pupils. In 2004 the name changed to Morwell Primary School.

In 2017 we received an interesting letter from Kathleen Cunningham (Lunan) who attended Crinigan Road Primary School the year it opened. The following is Kath's letter.

"I arrived in Australia from Scotland in June 1958 and I started school at Crinigan Road in Grade 4 as we lived in Maurice Court. (My brother started Form 1 at Morwell High). I remember my shock that there were no made roads or footpaths and the school had no sewerage. The senior boys had to empty the tins. We were all given sharp wooden spikes with which to plant the couch runners to make the oval. Snakes were regular visitors as we were next to the bush. Mr Monahan was our very dignified principal. I was so proud when he presented me with a book prize for being dux in grade 6. The following are the names of my classmates."

Boys - Debleff Moahs, Herbert Lackas, Robert Watts, Steven Wood, Maurice Stevens, Brian Emmerson, Keith Blakely, Peter Mann, Brian McCartney, Terry Flanagan, Andy Demetrios, Paul Dover, Eric Zomer, George Zomer (cousins), Hans Hirs, Rudy Hirs (cousins)

Girls - Annette Jephcott, Jean Pollock, Bobbie Skinner, Faye Smith, Faye Dick, Rita Bridges, Janice Stevens, Ann Faulkner, Pauline Flanagan (Terry's sister), Corrie Van der Meulen, Kathleen Lunan (myself)

"I think my memory served me fairly well but I cannot remember the name of the boy who drowned during the 1958-9 holidays."



Norma Spry, Annette J. Gheryl R. Y. Aslett.
 Eric Zomer, Janice Blake, Tony. Smith
 Michel Krystof, Maria, E. Pro, Brian E.
 Ron Richards, Corli Barn, Lee M. Barlow
 Douglas Wilkinson, weld, Russell, Mill
 Faye Dick, Halina Monk, Peter Gambrell
 Judith Wilson, uewiz, Joan Waters
 Bobbie Skinner, Wolfgang, Andy Demdion
 Johan Akerman, Roessler, Detlef Maack
 Herbert Laubas, Paul Power, Jennifer Aslett
 Jean Pollock, Jennifer Aslett
 Hans Ahrs, Yvonne Aslett
 Richard Hooft, 18 Bundara Ct
 Frankston 3199

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Yvonne Aslett the Grade 3 teacher had the children write their names on the back of her photo. Can you identify anyone?



OPEN DAYS 2018

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
1st May / 15th May / 26th May
5th June / 19th June / 29th June
3rd July / 17th July / 28th July
7th August / 21st August / 25th August

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