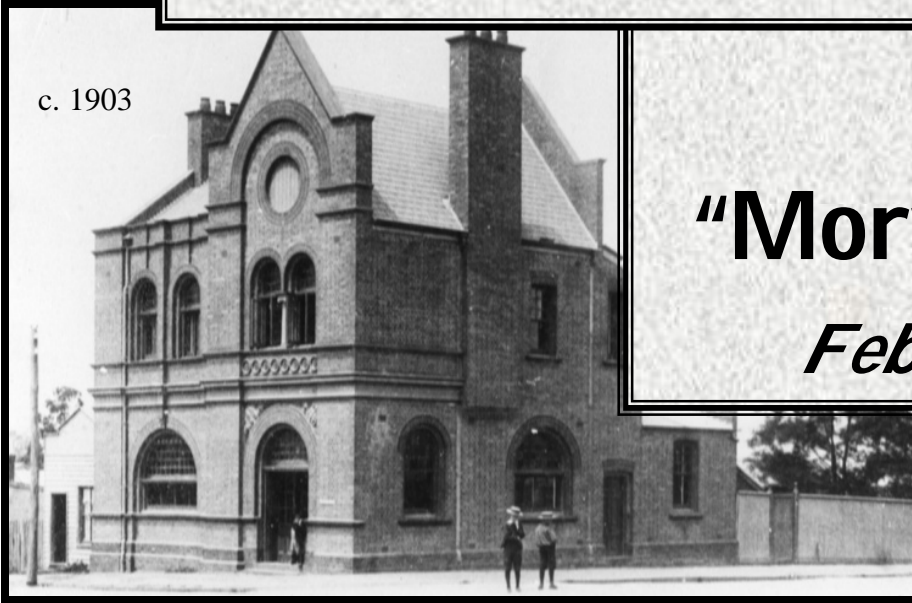


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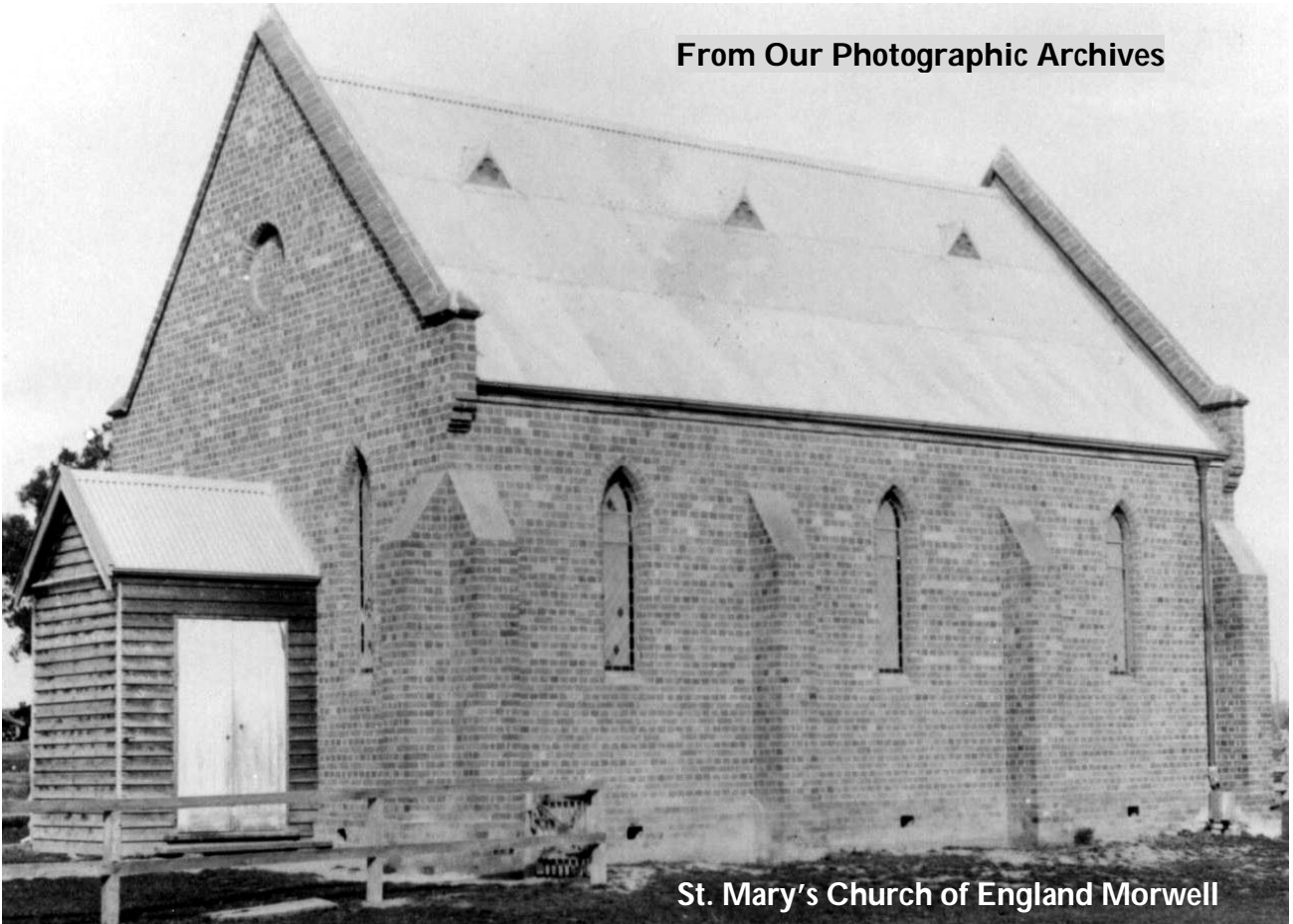
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# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. March 1946 (page 8)

## Crossed the Bar



### WILLIAM A. YOUNG

THE wide circle of friends of Mr. **W. A. Young** were grieved to learn that he had passed away at his son's home in Hazelwood on Friday last, after being in failing health for several months.

Mr. Young was born in Manchester, England, 75 years ago. He spent his youth in New Zealand, and later came to Melbourne to study the building trade where he soon became an expert craftsman. His parents were among the pioneers of the Jeeralang district, where he, himself, selected land. After his marriage to Miss **Elizabeth Nuttall** they spent their early married life in Western Australia. Returning to their block at Jeeralang they lived for 20 years there until they moved to Yinnar and subsequently to Tarwin Street, Morwell.

The late Mr. Young has been noted throughout the district for his excellent workmanship as a builder for many years. Numerous good homes and other structures stand as a testimony to his skill, including the Town Hall, Traralgon, and Masonic Temple, Morwell.

He leaves two children, Mrs. **N. Hughes**, of Glen Waverley, and Mr. **S. Young**, of Hazelwood. Mrs. Young predeceased him some six years ago.

A large congregation attended the funeral service in St. Mary's Church, conducted by Rev. **R.W. G. Phillips**, assisted by Mr. **C. R. Spencer**, prior to that at the graveside in the Hazelwood cemetery, where a Masonic Service was also held.

A number of beautiful floral tributes were received. The funeral directors were **D. & W. MacCubbin**, of Traralgon.



**Masonic Temple – Hazelwood Road Morwell**



Photographs: Morwell Historical Society archives

# Morwell Advertiser

14<sup>th</sup>. September 1900

Orange Blossoms.



WRAGGE - PETTIT



A pleasing ceremony took place on Wednesday afternoon, at "Riverdale," Morwell Bridge, when Miss E. Pettit, eldest daughter of Mrs. **Pettit**, and Mr H. G. **Wragge**, of Melbourne, were united in the bonds of wedlock by the Rev. J. H. **Frewin**.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr G. Pettit, and looked extremely well in her pretty dress of white silk, with trimmings of chiffon and pearl. She also wore a wreath and veil and carried a beautiful shower bouquet (the gift of the bridegroom).

The bridesmaids – Misses M. and N. Pettit (sisters of the bride) – wore electric blue and cream, with picture hats to match.

Mr. J. Pettit acted as groomsman.

A number of friends were present, and after the ceremony a sumptuous breakfast was partaken of, at which the usual toasts were duly honored. The presents were numerous and costly, including a gold initialled watch, and handsome opal brooch from the bridegroom whose gifts to the bridesmaids were an opal ring and pearl brooch.

The happy couple departed by the evening train, on route for Ballarat, amidst showers of rice, flower petals, and good wishes, Mr and Mrs Wragge will reside in Melbourne.



# The Gippsland Times

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. December 1881 (page 3)

The following article was gleaned from the round up of local news items:

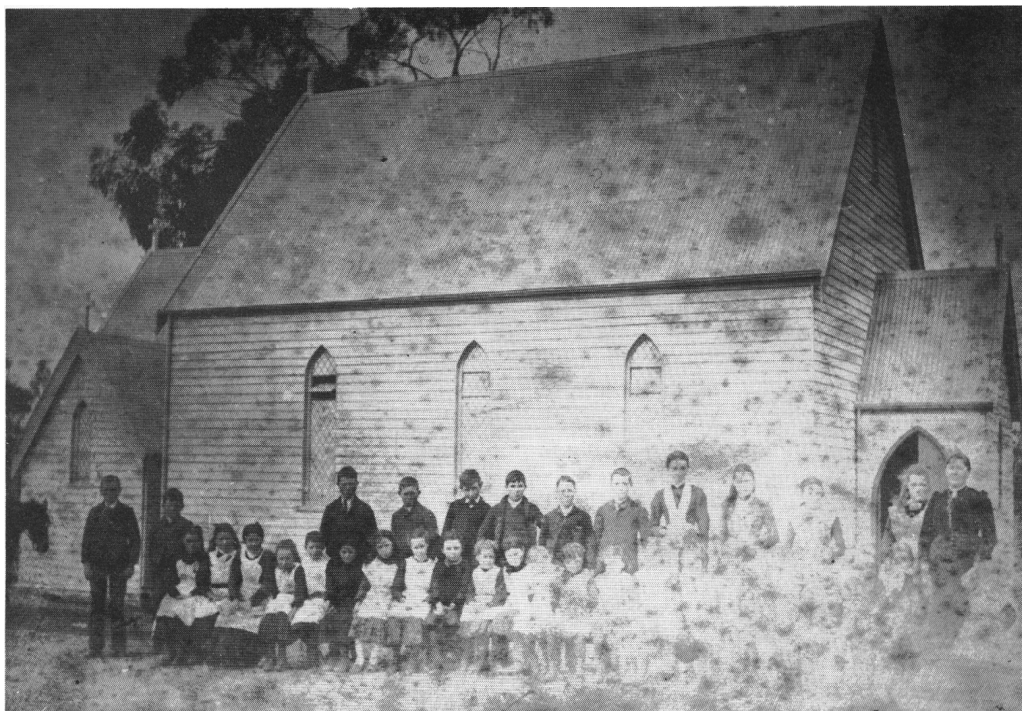
On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> inst., the new Roman Catholic Church at Morwell will be opened by His Grace the Archbishop. This is the first Church of any kind which has been erected in this rising township.

It is, like almost all other buildings in South Gippsland, built of wood – stone, or even brick, being unknown luxuries in the district – and from its many gables, surmounted with the sacred emblem, forms quite a feature in the pleasant little township.

The main chapel is thirty-five feet long and twenty-five feet broad, having high walls and sloping roof, well framed with two principal rafters of a new and ingenious construction by which joists are dispensed with, thus allowing the full height of the roof to be unobstructed. This is lighted by six Gothic painted windows.

The building was designed by and built the superintendence of Mr **James Campbell**, of Traralgon, by Messrs **Fidler Bros.**, contractors, of Sale.

The interior has not yet been supplied with seats, so that the committee will have to exercise their ingenuity to accommodate the large congregation which will doubtless assemble at the opening of the church on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. – *Independent*.



The original property (George Street) photographed in 1884

Photograph: "Morwell's Sacred Heart" by Jack Vines

# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. October 1915 (page 2)

## COUNCILLOR RADBURN



It is not generally known that Cr. **Radburn**, of the Morwell Shire Council, who, although 63 years of age, volunteered for the front and did his best to get through, was at one time, Sergeant of Police, City of Coventry, and the hero of Prior St. robbery which occurred about December 1878.

At that time Cr Radburn was a constable on night duty and when passing Spencer's Reed and Stay's factory he heard a noise in the fowl-house and getting over the fence proceeded to investigate the cause.

On entering the fowl-house he discovered that a thief was stealing the fowls, quite a number being killed. The thief was armed with a big knife and he told Radburn if he came near him he would kill him, but Radburn tackled him and a long tussle took place during which Radburn was stabbed nine or ten times but still he stuck to his man who was committed for trial and sentenced to 15 years hard labor and 7 years police supervision.

The judge (afterwards Lord Bramwell) said that Radburn had shown great bravery in sticking to his man and awarded £5.

Constable Radburn worked for two years with the late Inspector Golby and was afterwards made Sergeant, which rank he held when he resigned and came out to Australia where he entered the Victoria Police and served for twenty years when he resigned and drew his compensation, £375, and purchased land and is now farming in the Morwell Shire, and is one of the representatives of the Council.



Councillor **James Radburn** served as a councillor for the Boolarra riding from 1912 until he resigned from the Council in 1918. (S.H.)

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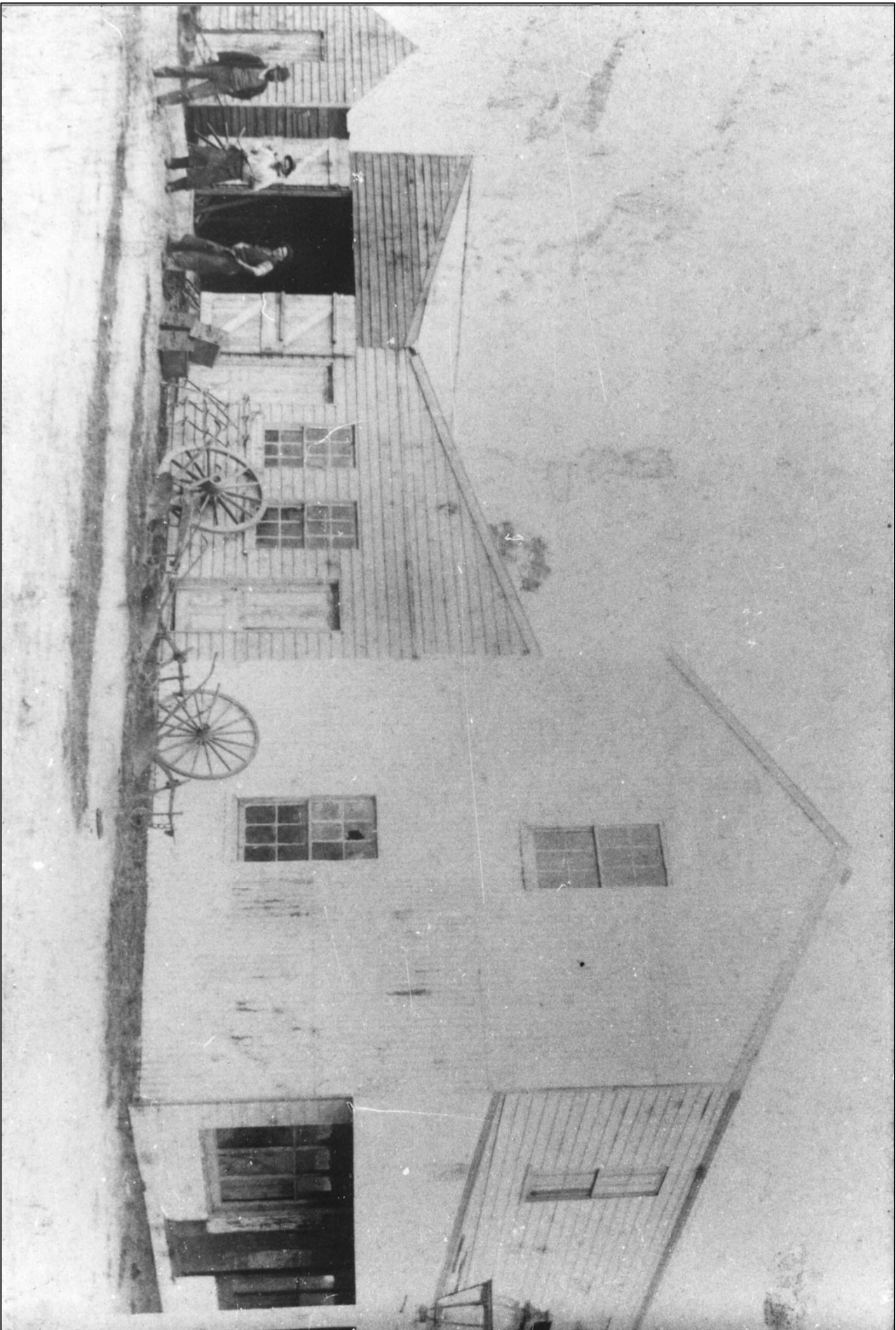
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# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. December 1934 (page 9)

## Disastrous Floods

### UNPRECEDENTED RAINFALL

The unprecedented fall of rain of over 5½ inches on Thursday and Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, resulted in enormous damage by floods in the Yallourn area. Steady rain set in on Wednesday night and by 9 a.m. on Thursday 292 points had fallen continuing without intermission until Thursday evening; after a brief pause the deluge again started until drains and water-courses were roaring torrents pouring down their contents into the already overtaxed river.

Late on Friday it became evident that a record flood was inevitable and grave concern was felt for the safety of the Open Cut, and other Commission plant. About 9.30 p.m. the Power Station whistle sounded a call for volunteers to assist those already engaged in the endeavour to stop the flood waters from invading the Open Cut. Many willing hands responded to the call and were directed to the point of danger near the rectifier station at the eastern area. The water had by then reached the rectifier station and fed by the enormous overflow from the river began to flow across the road near the Open Cut offices into the open cut.

It soon became evident that it would be impossible to check this surging torrent and those in charge wisely directed the assembled men to withdraw. Wading through water 3 to 4 feet deep in darkness caused by the failure of the lighting these men reached safety and were directed to erect a bank in the Screen House area. The flood water soon broke through in the vicinity of the old B drain and with a mighty roar the flood waters poured impetuously into the vast area of the Open Cut.

By 8 a.m. on Saturday, the water had risen within 20 feet of the top of the coal bed. At this time, the sight was awe-inspiring and clouds of spray could be seen as the Niagara of turbid water poured incessantly down the banks of the cut. By noon the water was level with the top of the cut. Dredgers, shovels and other machinery were submerged. Late on Friday night, the Swing Bridge leading to the Brown Coal Mine was torn down by the flood waters, and the river on Saturday morning was a roaring torrent of muddy water high above any previous recorded level.

The flooding of the Open Cut has resulted in the stoppage of work in many sections. Many employees who live at the Brown Coal Mine were unable to return home on Friday and accommodation was found for them in the Western Camp. Bread and milk suppliers to the area were disorganised but the resource and enterprise of the tradesmen concerned soon overcame all difficulties. Telephone and telegraph communications were interrupted and no newspapers reached the town until Sunday.

By Monday the river had dropped within its banks and some idea of the damage done could be gathered. At the weir, the river had cut out a new course around this obstruction on the Power House side and the whole contour of the immediate vicinity had been strangely altered.

The Open Cut had become a large lake with its inlets and bays, the scrub and buildings along its shores reflected on its placid surface and no. 1 Dredge reared its boom as if floating on the water like some gigantic water fowl.

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Beginning this month I am including this new feature in the pages of the "Post". You never know what may turn up on this page. The relevance to Morwell may be extremely doubtful at times but I promise you will find it an interesting innovation. (We all like looking at old photographs don't we?)

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Yallourn Open Cut 5<sup>th</sup> December 1934 (State Library of Victoria)



Flood inundation 1934 (State Library of Victoria)



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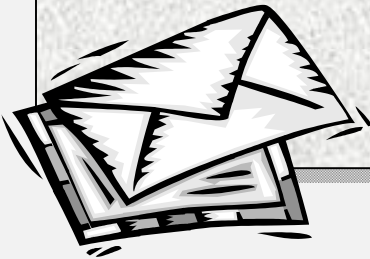
Please note that the next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2013 at 2.00 p.m.  
At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)



### Meeting dates for 2013:

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March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
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### **Please Note:**

Our A.G. M. will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 2.00 pm prior to our normal general monthly meeting.

The next edition of the "Post" is due out in April.

Stephen