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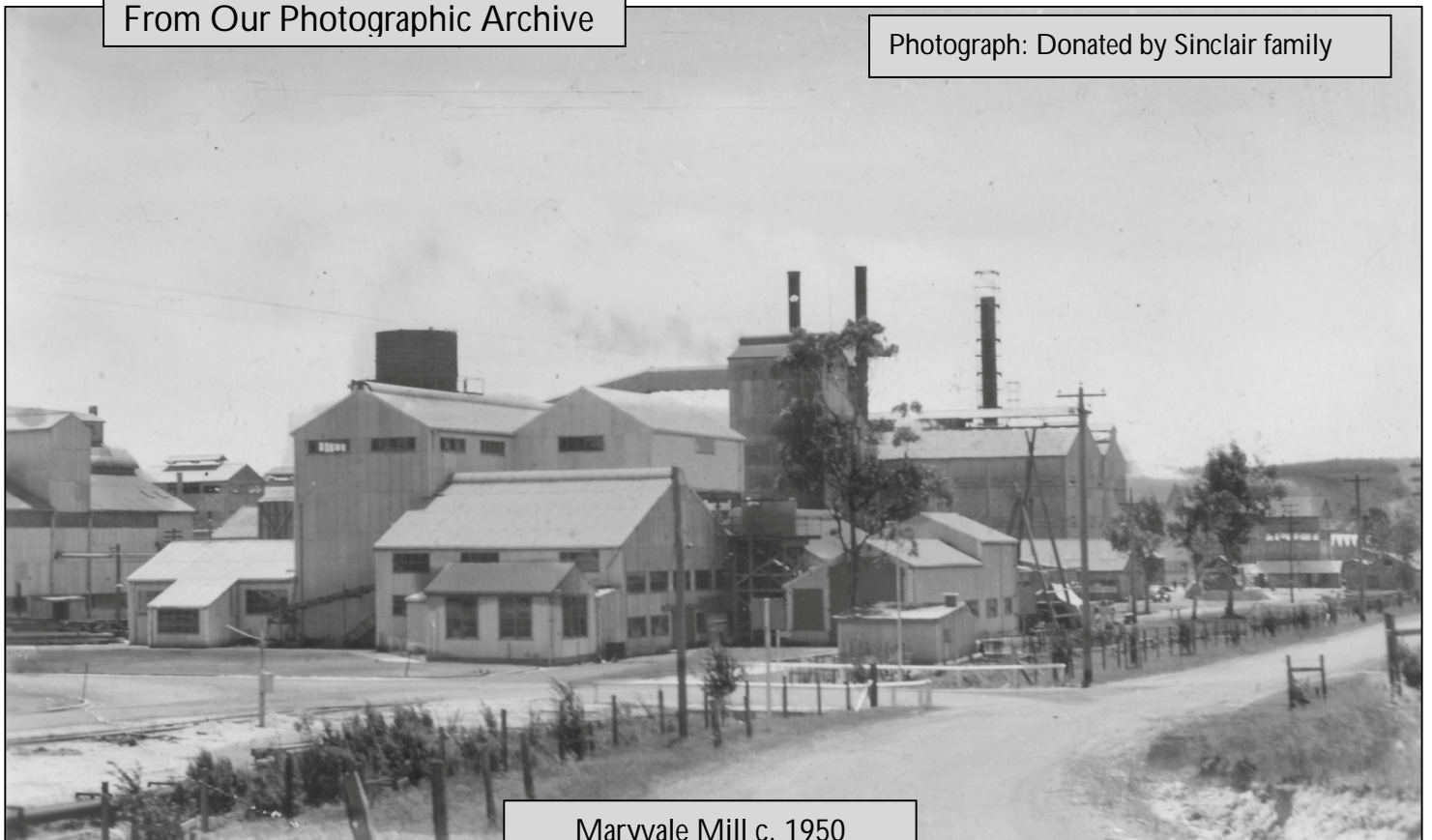
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Maryvale Mill c. 1950

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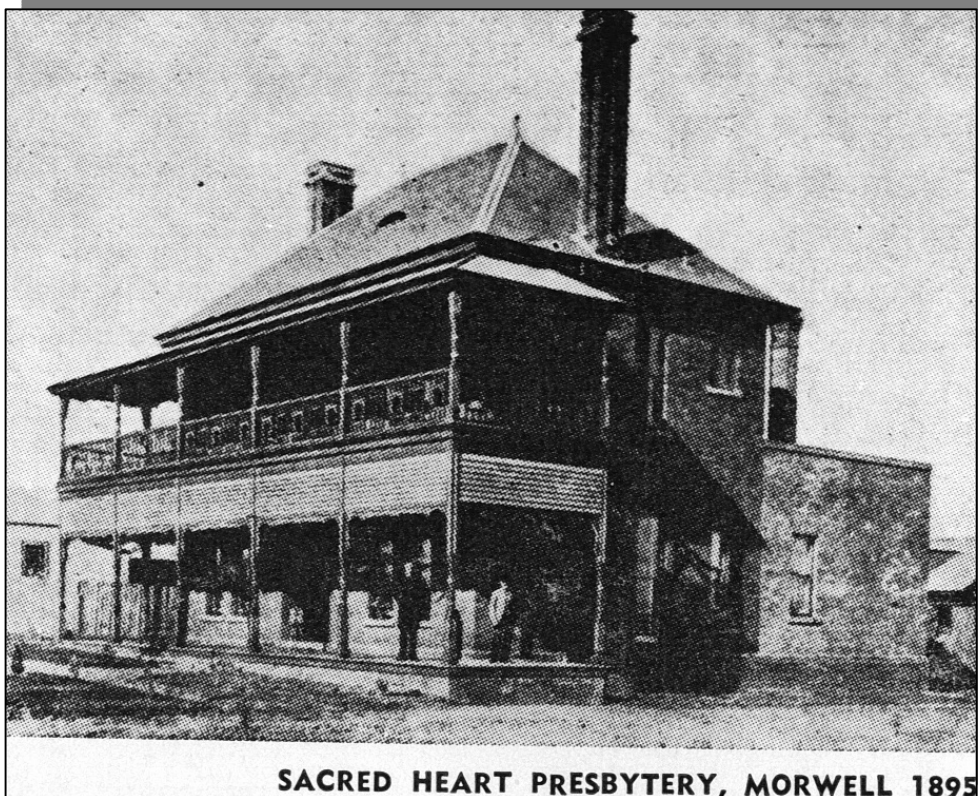
## GALE AT MORWELL

MORWELL, Wednesday.

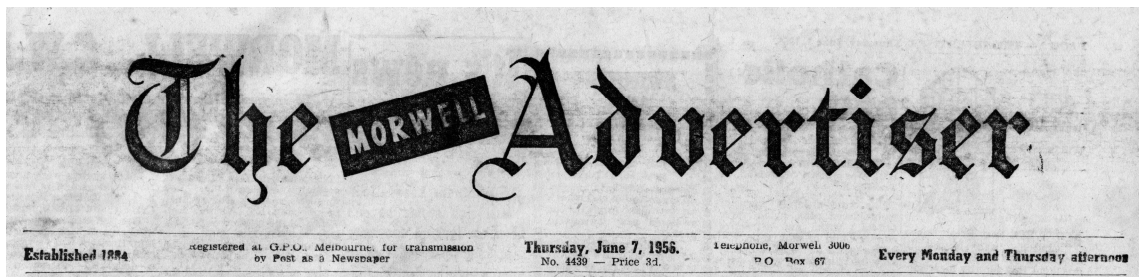
A terrific gale has blown all day here, but it appeared to reach its zenith about noon, when within a few minutes sheds, chimneys, iron tanks, trees, &c., were blown down in all directions. Several large trees fell very close to houses, and one tumbled across the footpath in Commercial-street in front of several occupied houses, but fortunately no one was passing at the time.

The local Roman Catholic presbytery, a large two-storey brick building, was considerably damaged by two large chimneys, which were blown over and fell on the roof. A solid mass of bricks, part of one of the chimneys, weighing about 4cwt., was carried a considerable distance, whilst single bricks were scattered in various directions.

Luckily nearly all the inmates were inside at the time, and no one was hurt.



SACRED HEART PRESBYTERY, MORWELL 1895



**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 1954**

## **WEDDINGS**

### **CORDELL-MILDENHALL**

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St. Mary's Church of England, Morwell, beautifully decorated with flowers, was the setting for the marriage on April 17<sup>th</sup>. of **Miss Patricia Mildenhall**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A. F. Mildenhall**, Helen St. Morwell, with **Mr Ian Cordell**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **R. G. Cordell**, Tyers Avenue, Yallourn, Rev. Canon **R. W. G. Phillips** officiated.

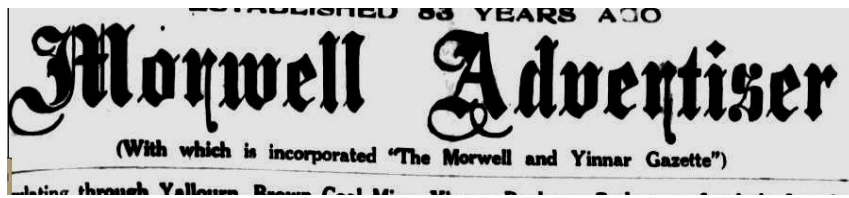
White lace and tulle was chosen by the bride for her lovely waltz length gown. The full skirt was designed with appliqué of large motifs, and the strapless lace and tulle bodice worn with fitting lace bolero. The short embroidered tulle veil was held in place by a pearl and diamante cap (kindly lent by **Mrs. W. Thompson**, Junior, Morwell) and she wore a marcasite pendant, and carried a Victorian posy of white carnations, tuber roses and Cecil Brunner roses.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by bridesmaids, Miss **Patricia Foster** and Miss **Norah Burne**. Their strapless ballerina length frocks were of lilac and pale lemon tulle, respectively, with tiny frill edged boleros over the strapless frilled bodice. They wore matching tulle caps, and rhinestone necklets, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried posies of pale blue delphiniums, frangipani and Cecil Brunner roses.

The bridegroom had Mr. **Douglas Scott**, Yallourn as best man and Mr. **Ray Cordell**, Moe, groomsmen. A reception was held at the Morwell Town Hall Supper Room, and afterwards at the home of the bride's parents.

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. July 1942 (page 7)

## Death of Mr Thos. Sinclair (Senr.)

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FORMER SHIRE SECRETARY AND ENGINEER

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It was with very deep regret that the many old friends of Mr **Thomas Sinclair**, Snr. learned of his death which occurred at (Dalesford) District Hospital, on Monday last, after a brief illness. Deceased who had reached the advanced age of 79 years, occupied the combined positions of Shire Secretary, Rate Collector, and Engineer of the Morwell Shire for over thirty years, taking office about forty five years ago, when the Shire was in its "infancy."

There were then no made roads through the hill country, and surveys of same ran up and down steep hills and across gorges on impossible grades. Mr Sinclair, however, displayed exceptional engineering ability, and blazed the trail for roads into hills covered with dense scrub and tall timber, and with side-cuttings, formations etc., opened up roadways with trafficable grades into Jeeralang, Jumbuk, Budgerree, and other parts of the Shire.

As time went on and the hills cleared of much scrub and timber, grades were in some places improved upon, but the roads still remain as monuments of Mr Sinclair's ability and perseverance.

Another monument to his credit is the grading of the present highway through the Haunted Hills and Morwell Bridge to Morwell. The work was carried out by the Country Roads Board on Mr Sinclair's survey and is a credit to all concerned.

The late Mr Sinclair was thoroughly acquainted with the whole of the Morwell Shire and personally knew every ratepayer, to all of whom he was most courteous and obliging.

It was (largly) due to his kindness of heart, combined with increasing duties as Secretary and Engineer, that he was not a successful Rate Collector.

He was always (loth) to institute legal proceedings against defaulting ratepayers, many of whom he was aware were, in those days, "up against it" financially.

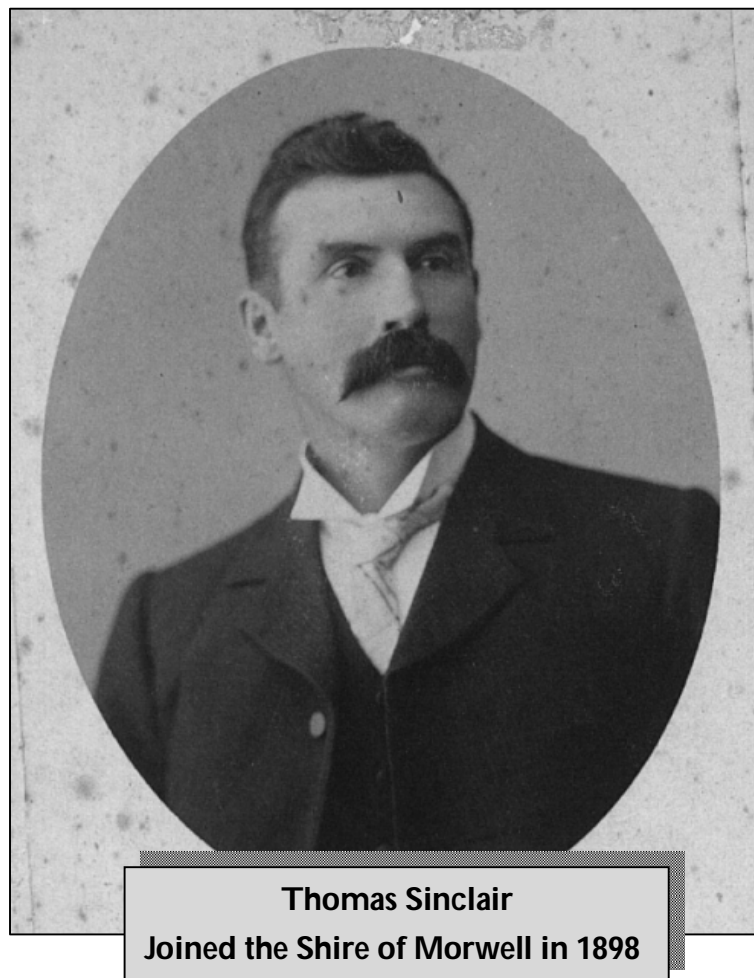
As a consequence the arrears of rates increased year after year until the Council became concerned about the amount, and eventually resolved to separate the combined offices of Secretary and Engineer, and appoint a man to each of the respective positions.

Although eligible to fill either position, Mr Sinclair did not put in an application. His eldest son (Thomas) was, however, subsequently elected Secretary, and Mr **Tucker** engineer. They held office until Mr **F. A. Horsfall** was elected by the Council as Secretary and Engineer, with Mr Sinclair's fourth son, John, as Assistant Secretary.

About the same time Mr Thos. Sinclair, Jnr. was appointed Secretary to the Yea Shire.

Shortly after retiring from the service of the Morwell Shire Council, the late Mr Sinclair was appointed Secretary and Engineer (combined) to Glenlyon Shire, a position he filled with satisfaction to all concerned until the time of his death.

Mr Sinclair's wife predeceased him a few years ago. He, however, leaves four sons (**Thomas, Malcolm, William and John**), and three daughters – Mrs **Billington** (Morwell), Miss **Elizabeth** (Morwell), and Mrs **Currie** (Morwell), to mourn their loss, and much sympathy is expressed for them in their bereavement. The remains of deceased will be interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery this afternoon, and laid to rest beside those of his wife.



Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 1934 page 4

### Morwell-Mirboo Line Not to be Closed

**MORWELL, Monday,** The board heard evidence at Morwell to-day by residents of Yallourn, Morwell, Yinnar and Boolarra. The board gave an assurance that although the annual loss on the Morwell-Mirboo railway line amounted to more than £ 7,000 it was not intended that the line should be closed as some residents of the district appeared to fear.

Wednesday, 6th October 1915 page 10

### LION IN HAUNTED HILLS

**MORWELL, Tuesday,** - Mr. Horace Brinsmead, a farmer, reports that whilst out mustering cattle on the Haunted Hills, about five miles from Morwell, he saw a lion. He states that he had a good look at the animal, which was about 100 yards distant, but could not force his horse any nearer. He is quite positive that the animal he saw was a lion. It disappeared into a belt of dense scrub. Mr. Brinsmead adds that there are a number of dead sheep, partly eaten, in the vicinity. A party has gone out with rifles and dogs to-day to hunt for the animal.

Thursday, 4th February 1937 page 4

### PAPER PULP MILL Plans at Morwell

**MORWELL, Wednesday,** - Sir Herbert Gepp, managing director of Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd., accompanied by the assistant managing director (Mr. W. Brookes) and Mr. W. D. Chapman engineer for research development, visited Morwell to-day and conferred with the president of the shire, other councillors and the shire engineer regarding the site of the proposed pulp mill, road facilities, and proposed railway connections between the main Gippsland line, near Morwell, and the mill site at Morwell North. After an inspection had been made a conference was held. The president of the shire (councillor D. J. White) assured Sir Herbert Gepp that the Morwell Shire Council would give the company every possible assistance.

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Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 1953 (page 5)

## Send-off to Howard family



**APPROXIMATELY 200** residents from Hazelwood, Jeeralang, Jeeralang Junction, Traralgon and Morwell gathered in the Hazelwood Hall on Wednesday night of last week to farewell the Howard family of Jeeralang Junction.

The large attendance was a tribute to the respect held by the district for the family, particularly Mr. and Mrs. **J. D. Howard**, senr.

Mr. Howard has been the mailman for the Jeeralang-Hazelwood area for the past seven years, while Mrs. Howard had conducted the Jeeralang Post Office and telephone exchange for the past 28 years.

A daughter, **Molly**, assists with the work, another daughter is Sister **Adeline** Howard, and a son, **Joseph**, is taking the veterinary course at Sydney University.

Mr. Howard represented Hazelwood in the Morwell Shire Council for a number of years and was also secretary of the Greater Gippsland Sports League for a period.

The family is leaving to take up residence at Wilson St., Dandenong, following the sale of their property and business to Mr. and Mrs. **Willaton**, of Traralgon, who were present and warmly welcomed by the gathering.

### Loss To District

Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Mr. **J. S. Medew**, spoke of the loss to the district in the impending departure of the family, and congratulated Mr. Howard on his splendid work as the mailman for the area. He pointed out that Mr. Howard had developed the round to include many areas that had not previously been served.

### Wonderful Person

He referred to Mrs. Howard as a "wonderful person", who had been a great friend to all in times of sickness and stress. He said that although the exchange was not open officially full time,

Mrs. Howard had inconvenienced herself to provide a first class service. The family, he concluded, was one of which any district could be more than proud.

Other speakers were Mr. **Alex Shaw**, on behalf of the Hazelwood Estate; Messrs **J. Calder** and **J. Thompson** (Jeeralang); Mr. **Alan Cranwell** (Hazelwood North) and Mr. **R. Henshall**, Traralgon, a pioneer driver on the mail run.

Mr. **J. W. Medew** made the following presentations: - To Mr. Howard, snr., a wallet of notes; to Mrs. Howard, a standard lamp; to Miss Molly Howard, a handbag; to Sister Howard and Mr. Joe Howard, a pen each.

### Response

Responding, Mr. Howard gave part of the credit for the successful operation of the mail run to the residents on his round, who at all times had been willing to assist, and to the motor people, particularly Maryvale Motors, for keeping his vehicle in such an excellent condition to carry out the run.

On behalf of himself and family, he thanked all for the gifts and for the wonderful evening.

The evening took the form of a dance with items from Messrs **J. Edwards**, **D. Draper** and **Graham Medew**. The music was supplied by Messrs **R. Danks**, **W. Bryan** and Mrs. **J. Calder**.

A delightful supper was served to bring the evening to a close.

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the Office, 226 Commercial Road, Morwell.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 1946 (page 6)

## Local Spitfire Pilot

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**NOW INSTRUCTOR ON JET PLANES**

**AFTER** an absence approaching five years, Flight Lieutenant Des. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Kelly, of Morwell, arrived home from overseas on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Des travelled from England on the aircraft carrier, "H.M.S. Victorious", which by-passed Melbourne and landed him in Sydney.

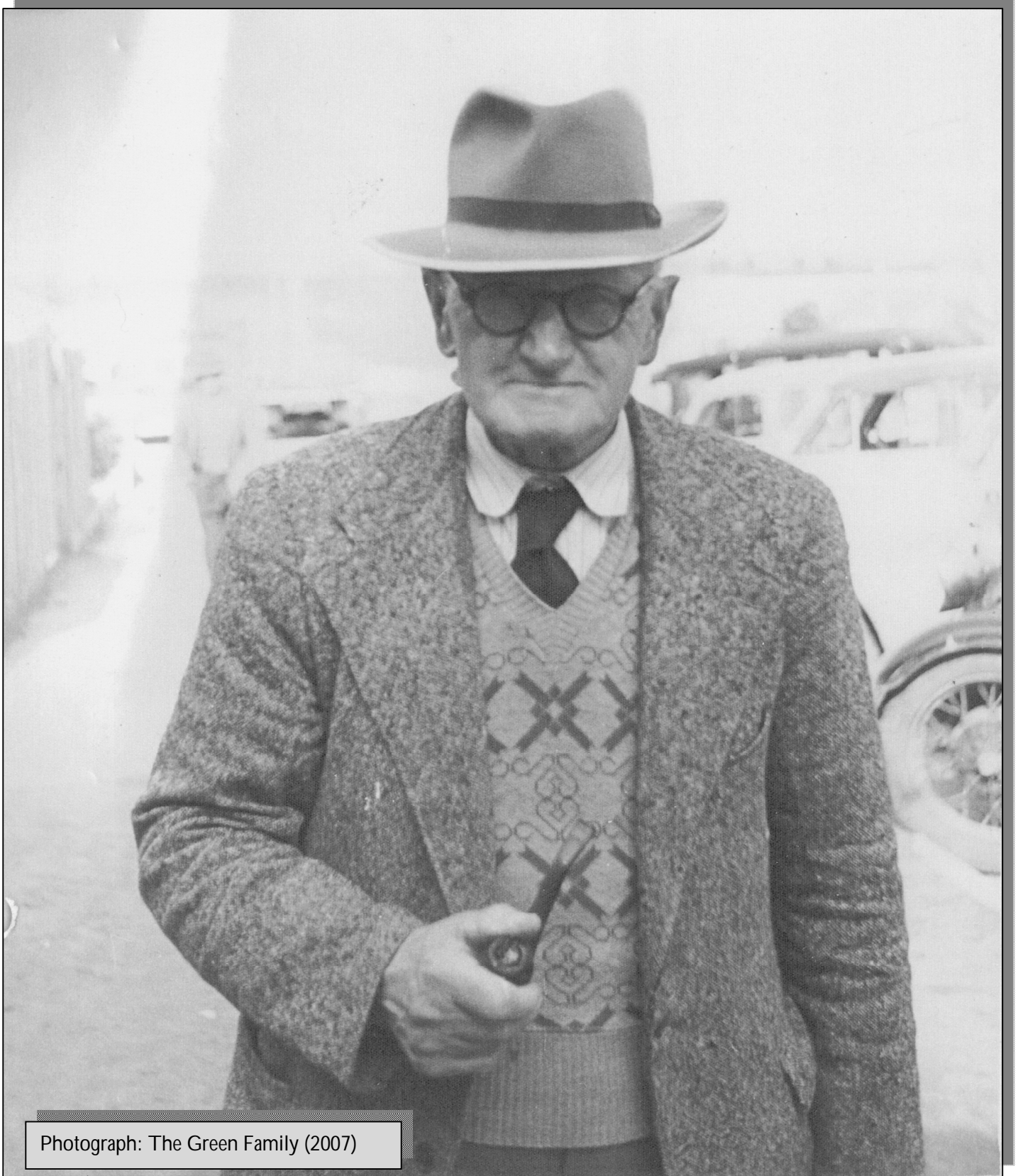
The family were en route by car to collect Des. on the arrival of the carrier when they received news at Gundagai of a switch on the official programme and advice that he had already left Sydney by train for Melbourne. Doubling back, they reached Albury before the arrival of the train, and brought Des. home by road.

Flight Lieutenant Kelly's war career has been packed full of the thrills inseparable from the operational life of a Spitfire pilot over the Continent, a record that earned him transfer to the "hush-hush" jet propelled planes when they were first used against the enemy. His efficiency in handling this type of aircraft led, towards the end of the war, to an assignment as an instructor in the flying of these machines.

After he has enjoyed a well-deserved period of thirty-five days leave with his family, the R.A.A.F. will utilise his services in demonstrating a jet propelled machine in Australia and undertaking instructional work.

Flight Lieutenant Kelly took unto himself before departing for Australia an English bride, who, he hopes will join him here, as soon as a passage can be arranged.

**From Our Prominent Citizens' File:**



Photograph: The Green Family (2007)

Arthur Albert Green (1877-1966)

From the Back of the Filing Cabinet!



Morwell Advertiser Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1919 page 4

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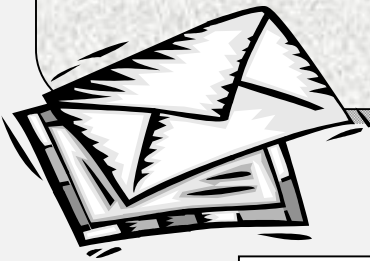
Please note that the next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup>. July 2014 at 2.00 p.m.  
At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)



### Remaining meeting dates for 2014:

July 16<sup>th</sup>  
August 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>

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### *From Our Morwell Fact File:*



*The Morwell Brass Band Association was formed on  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. July 1887 at a public meeting conducted  
at Murdoch's Hotel.*

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The next edition of the "Post" is due out in September 2014.

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