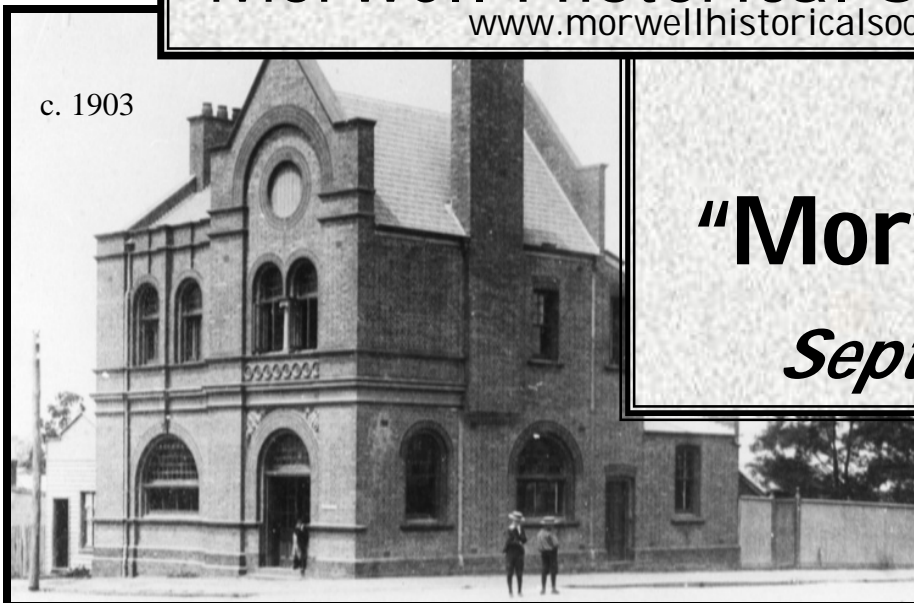


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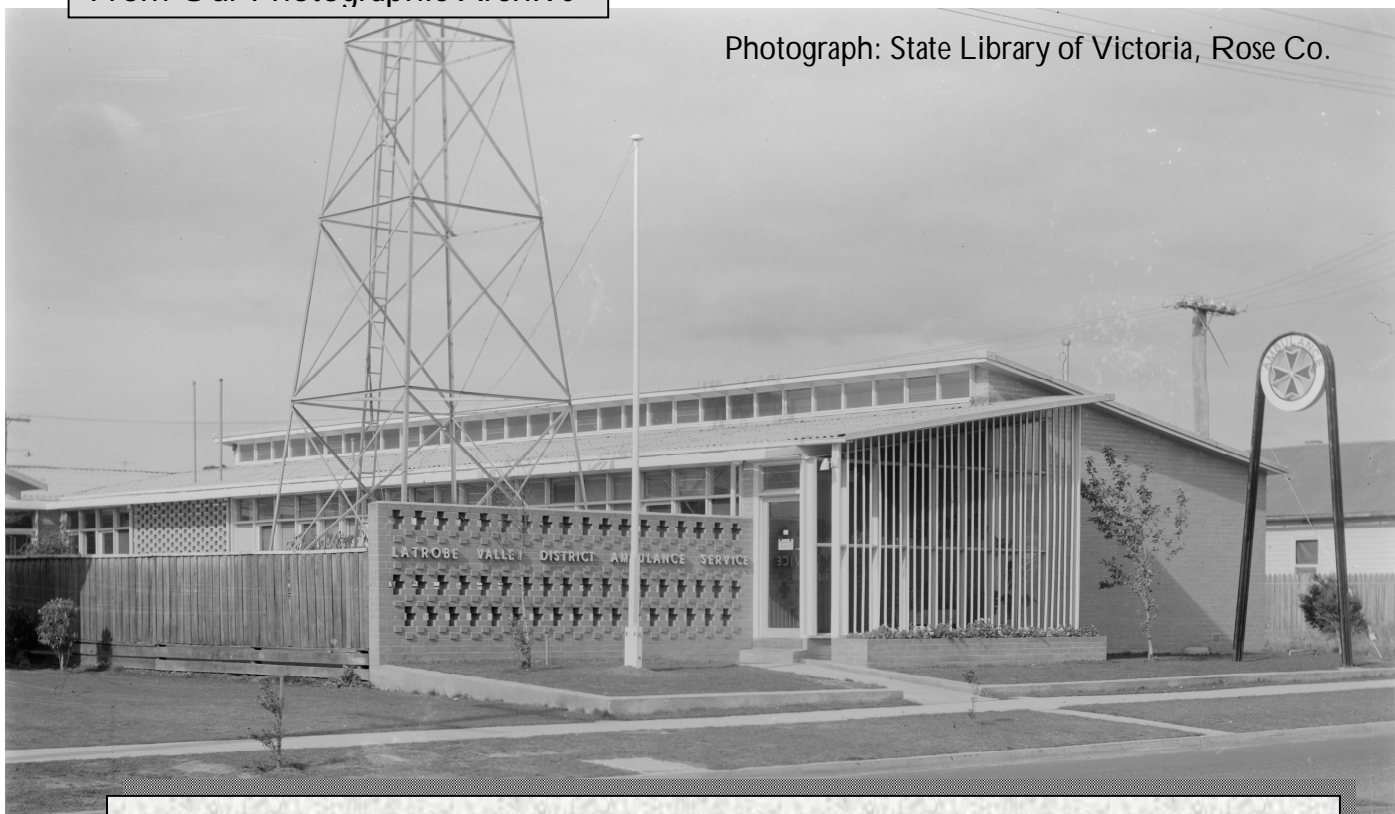
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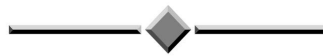
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## Presentation to Mr. Woodcock



**Mr. J. Woodcock**, who was so long and favorably known as Station Master, at Morwell, was entertained by a number of his friends at the Mechanics' Institute, last Saturday evening.

**Mr. Murdoch** was in the chair, and proposed the toast of his Guest in his well-known happy style. The toast was drunk with musical honors, and the presentation of the purse of sovereigns which were voluntarily subscribed by Mr. Woodcock's friends, and a very nice illuminated address, was then made.

Nearly all the leading business men of the town testified to Mr. Woodcock's attention to his work, his civility to the public generally, and his worth as a private citizen.

Mr. Woodcock responded in very feeling terms, and said that he had always tried to do his duty as an officer of the Railway Department and a private citizen; and was pleased to find the public were satisfied. He said he had spent some very pleasant days in Morwell, and would always look back to his residence amongst us with very great pleasure. He thanked those who had subscribed to the testimonial, and concluded a very nice speech amidst great applause.

The following toasts were duly responded to,- Mr. Woodcock and family. The Chairman; The President of the Traralgon Shire; Success to Morwell; The Ladies and the Press; The proceedings were interspersed with songs by those present, and one of the pleasantest evening's ever held in Morwell was brought to a close at 9 o'clock, as Mr. Woodcock had to go by the train that leaves here at 9.24 p.m.



The following is a copy of the address.

To J. Woodcock, Esq.,  
Morwell, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

Dear Sir,

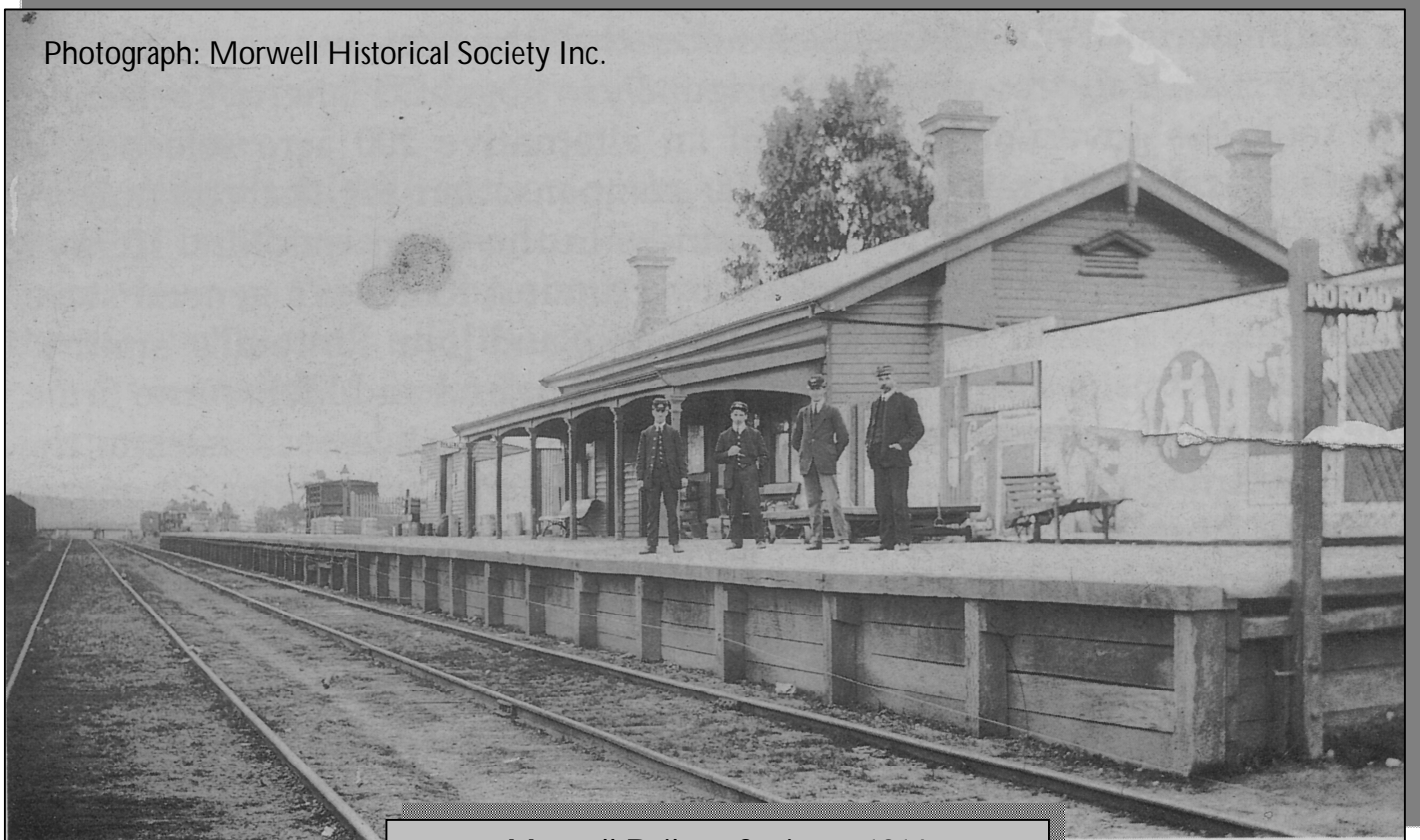
We, the undersigned, on behalf of the residents of Morwell and surrounding district desire, by this small token, to convey our respect and esteem for your many sterling qualities as a public servant and private citizen whilst resident in our town. We also beg that you will accept of the accompanying purse of sovereigns, which have been voluntarily subscribed by your many well-wishers. Trusting that you and yours will continue to succeed, and command the respect of all those with whom you may be in future, brought in contact, and with every hope for your future happiness. We beg to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of your many friends.

**WM TULLOCH.**

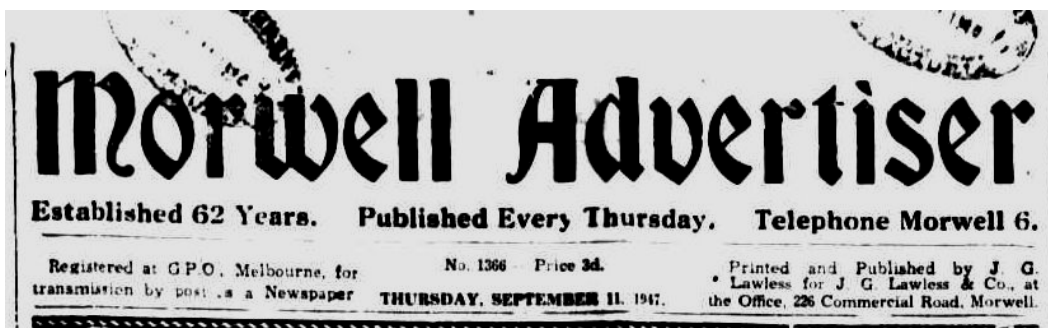
**CHAS. P. NIND.**

**WM MURDOCH**

Photograph: Morwell Historical Society Inc.



Morwell Railway Station c. 1914



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. August 1952 (page 1)

## Obituary

As announced in our previous issue, Mr. Charles David Koenig, a lifetime resident of the district, died suddenly on 30<sup>th</sup> July, at his residence, Princes Highway, Morrowell.

Son of late Mr. and Mrs. **John Koenig**, he spent his early life at Jumbuk until he enlisted in 1915, and served overseas with the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion A.I.F. He lost a leg as the result of wounds received in 1917 and returned home in the following year.

After completing a Repatriation trade course, he opened a boot repairing business in Morrowell in 1919 and the following year married **Miss Ruby Lowe**, also of Morrowell. He retired two years ago. He was a staunch member of the A.N.A., and was several times president. He held the office of trustee at the time of his death.

The deceased was also interested in the Scout movement, and served on the Council and the Morrowell group committee. The late Mr. Koenig was also actively associated with the R.S.L., of which he was one of the early members.

Following a service at the Presbyterian Church, the remains were interred at the Hazelwood Cemetery on July 31<sup>st</sup>, when the service was taken by the **Rev. A. Thompson** in the presence of a large gathering of mourners. The R.S.L. Burial Ritual was read by the Morrowell Branch president, Mr. **Geoff Colebrook**.

The Loyal Orange Lodge, of which he was a member, also paid a final tribute to him.

He is survived by a widow and three daughters, **Gwen (Mrs. A. Medew)**, **Lorna (Mrs. G. T. Williams)** and **Dorothy (Mrs. J. Buchanan)**.



NOTICE

**C. D. KOENIG**  
(late A.I.F.)  
**BOOT REPAIRER,**

**B**EGS to notify the residents of Morwell and surrounding district that he has started in business in Tarwin Street, Morwell, and trusts by strict attention to business to merit a fair share of public patronage.

—————**TERMS : CASH**—————

1919



Tarwin Street c. early 1920's

Photograph: Morwell Historical Society

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. May 1889 (page 6)

## FATAL GUN ACCIDENT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

MORWELL, FRIDAY

A fatal gun accident occurred here yesterday. It appears that two young men named **Alfred** and **Howell** were out shooting kangaroos. In walking through the scrub Howell carried his gun on his shoulder, with the muzzle pointing forward. Alfred was a few yards in front. After proceeding some distance, a twig caught in the trigger of the gun which Howell was carrying, with the result that the contents of one barrel were discharged and lodged in Alfred's back, near the right shoulder.

**Dr. Moir**, of Morwell, was called as soon as possible, and he did all in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate man, but at the same time, pronounced the case hopeless. Alfred was then brought into Morwell, and forwarded to the Sale Hospital by the evening train. This morning information has been received to the effect that Alfred died shortly after admission to the hospital.

Dr Moir outside his residence Commercial Road c. 1895



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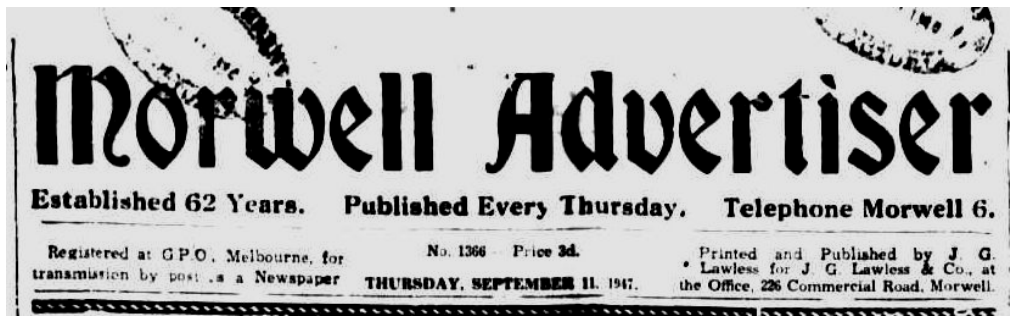
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**Maryvale Timber & Hardware Co. Pty Ltd**  
**PRINCES HIGHWAY, MORWELL.**  
**PHONES : MORWELL 113 AND 224.**

Morwell Advertiser Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1954 page 7



## Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>. September 1953 (p.4)

# Guide Hall Proposal

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### SUPPORT FROM PARENTS

AT a well attended meeting in the Scout Hall on Tuesday night, a decision was taken to proceed with the preparation of tentative sketch plans for the proposed "on site" construction of a wooden building for a Guide Centre on land leased from the Council at the corner of Papyrus and Margaret Sts.

This decision supersedes the original proposal for the purchase of a Nissen hut from the **Yallourn South Migrant Hostel.**

An examination of this type of construction revealed that it would neither be suitable for the purpose nor for placement in a residential area.

The Local Guide Association was heartened by the co-operation offered by parents and others in the way of provision of voluntary labor and is hopeful that the interest will be sustained at a further meeting to be called when the plans are available for consideration.

It is emphasised that the objective of the proposal is to establish a centre for training and routine activities of the Guides, Brownies and Rangers and the hall will not be used for other purposes.

Attention is drawn to the Building Appeal at present in progress, and it is hoped that the valuable work being voluntarily undertaken in the interests of youth will be suitably recognised in a practical form by public contributions to the cost of building the centre.





Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 1937 (page 12)

## FIRES IN THE COUNTRY

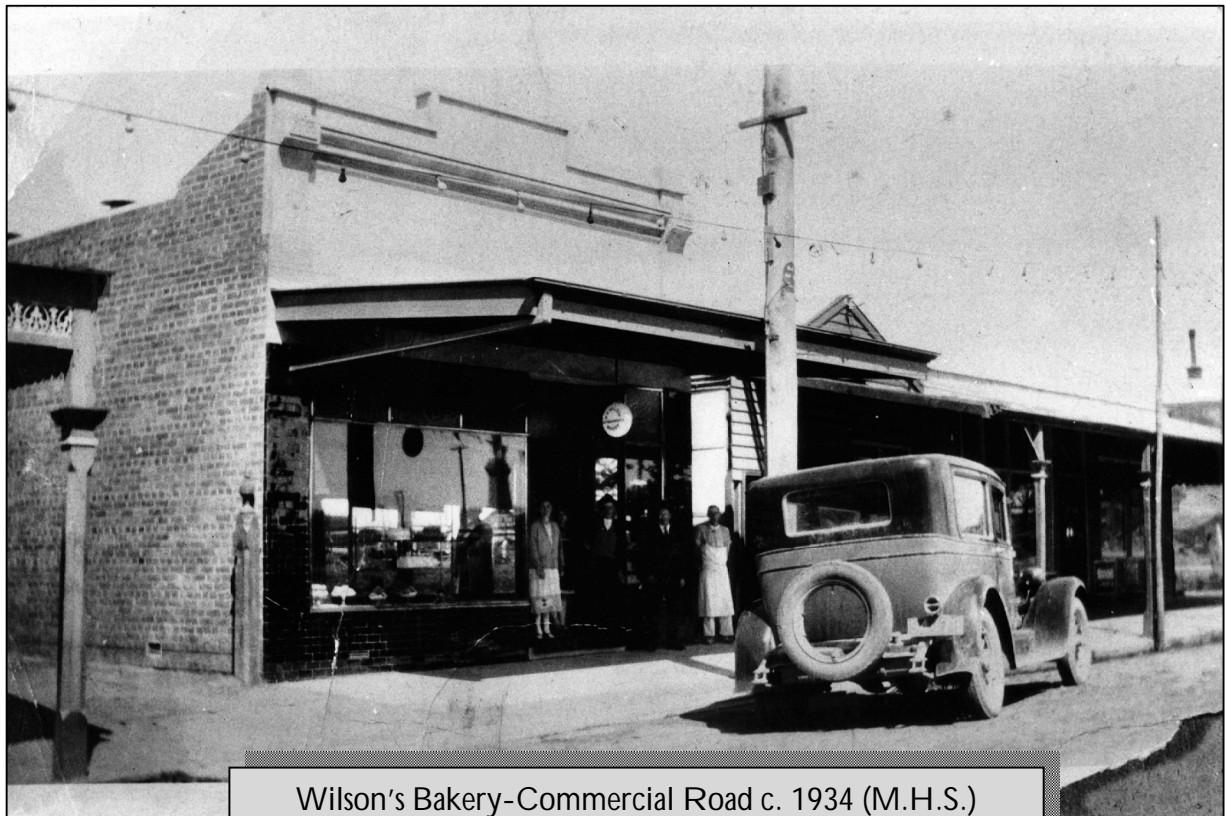


### Old Landmark at Morwell

**MORWELL**, Wednesday. – Between 3 and 4 a.m. to-day fire destroyed one of the first shops erected in the main street of Morwell, a shop which was erected 60 years ago by the late Mr. **Samuels**, Morwell's first baker, who also conducted a small general store in the premises before the Gippsland railway line was opened to Sale.

The building was owned by Mrs. **Martyn**. Portion was occupied by Mr. **Bert Clements**, saddler, and the other part was used as a secondhand furniture storeroom by **W. S. Mackenzie** Pty.

The driver of a transport truck which was passing through the town saw the fire and rang the bell. The brigade, with the aid of a new motor pump saved **Wilson's** tearooms and other places adjoining. The building was insured.



Wilson's Bakery-Commercial Road c. 1934 (M.H.S.)

# Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. May 1948 (page 3)

## Wedding



At the Independent Church, Collins St., Melbourne, on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the marriage was celebrated of Mrs. **Hazel Brown**, widow of the late Flying-Officer **Kelvin Brown**, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W. T. Caldwell**, Driffield, with Allan George, elder son of Mr and Mrs **C. Wason**, of Camperdown. The Rev. **Gordon Powell** officiated.

The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her father. Her ballerina frock of blue was worn with a matching jacket and blue floral hat, and a spray of multi colored hyacinths was pinned to her black suede handbag.

Mr **George Bolding**, of Hazelwood supported the bridegroom as best man.

The bride's mother wore a frock of aqua blue crepe with finely pleated two-tiered skirt featuring the "new look", a black hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and veiling, and a shoulder spray of pink rose buds.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Camberwell, where sixty-five guests were entertained at a wedding breakfast, to the music of a string orchestra, and solos suitable to the occasion were sung by Mrs. **A. Braumann**. The honeymoon is being spent in Adelaide.



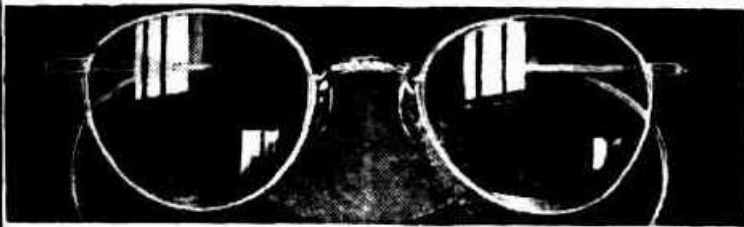
Independent Church- Collins Street- Melbourne

From the Back of the Filing Cabinet!



Morwell Advertiser Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 1937 p.7

# NEXT VISIT TO MORWELL



## Tuesday, 20th April

HOURS:—9 a.m. till 12.30 p.m.

Consult "C. & G." Qualified Opticians at the Coffee Palace

Appointments may be made with Mr C. Hicks, Chemist.

**COLES & GARRARD** PTY. LTD.  
SIGHT-TESTING OPTICIANS. 370 BOURKE ST MELB

Morwell Advertiser Thursday,  
19<sup>th</sup> January 1950 p.4

## A DATE TO REMEMBER

Monday  
January 30  
AUSTRALIA DAY

\*THE

# RAAF

## MOBILE RECRUITING UNIT WILL BE IN

Morwell at Air Pageant  
Driffield Road, Aerodrome.

Experienced R.A.A.F. Officers will be on duty to give you all the facts about today's expanding R.A.A.F. and the new opportunities open to young men.

Morwell Advertiser Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 1929 p.5

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All English Body.

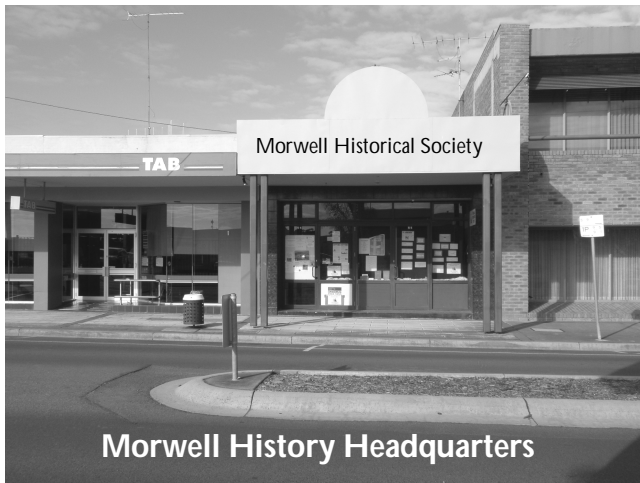


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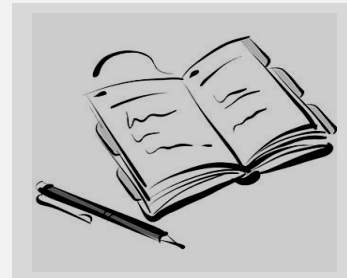
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At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)

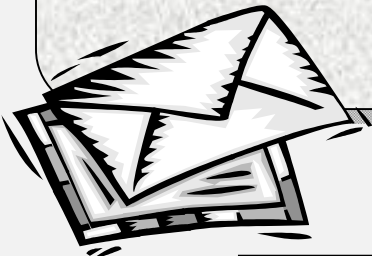


Remaining meeting dates for 2014:

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 Latrobe Valley District Ambulance Service H.Q.  
building in McDonald Street (Cnr. Spry St.) was  
officially opened on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. October 1954.***

Source: Morwell Advertiser 18<sup>th</sup> October 1954 pages 1 & 2



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Stephen