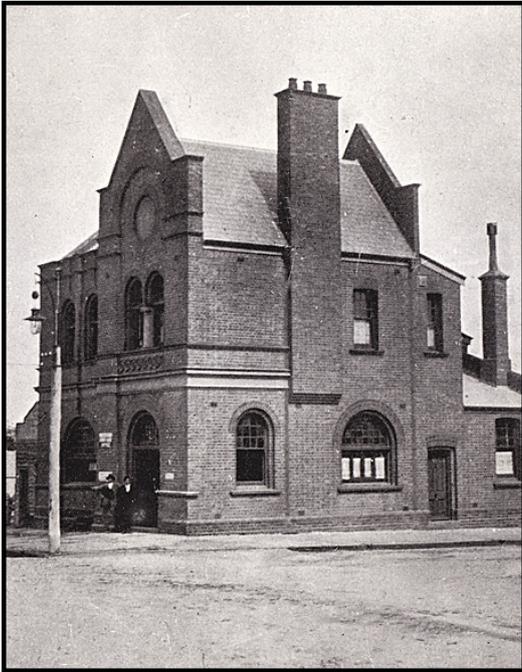


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Alan Reginald Davey

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Alan was a lovely man, he worked hard all his life, always very caring he adored and loved for his family and they adored and loved him, he had the greatest respect and loved his friends, and I am sure he would like to thank them for being there for him. John Darling always calling in to see how he was as did Roger and John Atherton who remembers Alan as a friendly kind man who would do anything for anybody, and that was Alan.

Alan was always heavily involved in the community.

Member of JC's

President of 2nd Morwell Scouts

Vestry and Parish council here.

Looked after the gardens here for many years

Tennis club

Historical Society

Centenary house

Fossick and Find

Rotary Club of Hazelwood 40 years with 2 years and President and was awarded the Paul Harris Medal.

He had a cheeky grin and was a man of little fuss, hardly a bad word about anyone unless you had a go about Collingwood, never a cuss or a course word, and he hardly ever complained probably because he couldn't get a word in edgeways at home, and he was always, always there when you needed help. God has picked up a true gentleman and a hard worker in Alan this week. But a word of warning, don't let him near the pearly gates with his chain saw or the angle grinder.

Alan was born at the old Morwell Hospital in Hazelwood Road on 2nd October 1932, he was 10 weeks premature

The second child born to Reginald and Eunice Davey, his early childhood saw him brought up in Morwell with Sisters Marie, and Lynette and youngest, brother Roger.

Al went Commercial Road Primary School and then was packed off to boarding school at Haileybury College, Brighton where he spent 6 years. Now his parents said that was because he was sickly child and the sea air would do him good but maybe it was because as a youngster he was a bit of a rebel, bitten by a dog, chased by a bull, he once crawled up a drain pipe and his parents had to dig it up to get him out. He shot the local painter with his bow and arrow bringing the painter, ladder and paint crashing to the ground.

His parents use to tie him to the clothes line so they knew where he was, one day they found him on the other side of the fence dangling precariously in the air..

The sea air at Brighton obviously helped as Alan played and excelled at, any and every sport he could, except swimming. they called him plankton, because he didn't spend much time at the top of the water, he could, though dog paddle across the Brighton baths, but that would be typical of Alan, anything to do with dogs.

He excelled at Tennis playing for Morwell and winning A grade premierships at Driffied, Football for Coleraine, Morwell and Yinnar with Roger , had a swipe at Badminton, toyed with table tennis, had a run at the athletics team, had a swing at cricket where he had a strong and accurate throwing arm, was biased with lawn bowl and of course got a fairway with golf.

He stayed involved in sport in his latter years through his children and grandchildren right up to his last weekend and he always knew what the score was and if the kids were playing well or not. He was the number one supporter for the Churchill Blue Devils Ladies Basketball team and other teams that the kids played for.

In 1948 at the age of 16 Alan came back to Morwell and went to work with his father on their grazing property which is situated where the Morwell open cut is now.

In 1953 worked in Coleraine in the Western District for two years before returning to Morwell to milk cows with brother Roger.

Together they built a dairy and a shack which was nicknamed "the little Chevron" and his father was surprised at how many of the local lads socialized there prior to going out to the Thursday night dance. And apparently the boys socialized there quite regularly.

When Reg and Eunice passed away within 4 mths of each other, the Davey family donated a stained glass window to the church.

In 1961 Alan met a good looking sort on one of his trips to Melbourne. He wrote her phone number on the back of the ute in the dust and a strong, loving relationship blossomed. However had it rained that night and washed the phone number off the ute who knows what would have happened.

Alan and Rosalie were married on 27th October 1962 and children, Janine, Melinda and Tony soon came along, then the 5 grandchildren and a great grand child on the way.

With the milking to do there was little time off so when they did get away it was fill up the car and off to Queensland, generally with Muzz and Gramps. Alan enjoyed his trips away around Australia and overseas with friends and family.

Long-time friends and travel companions Liz and John Adnams remembered the first time they stayed with Alan and Rosalie in the mid-60s when they were living in that tiny little house in Elgin Street, They went yabbing down on the old Morwell River – at the back of Alan & Roger's farm on the road to Yinnar. Piece of string, rusty old screw or the like and a piece of raw meat, plus the net. Great fun

1. Alan would take John to the Morwell Club that his father had been a founding member of – The Oyster Club as they originally called it, – just to show up Johns inability to play snooker.
2. They travelled overseas together frequently and Alan & Ro didn't travel light in those early days. On the first of those trips John counted 17 pieces of luggage on the ground, including ten pieces of hand luggage to take on board. 13 of these bags belonged to the Davey's. They were convinced to lighten the load and sent 9 bags full back home.
3. On those trips Alan always drove in the morning – always up early - and John in the afternoon so Al could have a nap.
4. As often as they could we all stayed at farmhouse B & Bs, especially in the UK. One farmhouse was so old that it was listed in the Doomsday Book (1066). Another old farm B & B was on the Welsh border where the proud farmer took us for a short tour of the generations old family property. John, not knowing much, (err anything), about farming asked old farmer how often he ploughed his paddocks. Alan smiled when the farmer stopped dead in his tracks looking most shocked "this paddock hadn't been ploughed for over two hundred years – that would destroy the native grasses".
5. And their best ever Bus Tour was to see the "Best of Europe". Alan loved the wonderful aerial sights of the chateaus and old castles, he loved the history.

He was always a farmer, he once said that no-one really appreciated farmers and the cows they were the only ones who would give him a pat on the head.
Alan always had a veggie garden and loved working in the garden.

Many said he was the Bionic man after all his operations and that he had nine lives and he probably did
1 / Could have been killed by a bull, the rope around the clothesline, bees whilst slashing at the golf club, wouldn't go to hospital until the job was done
the milk truck which ran over him and his bike again when he was young. Viral Meningitis, Any one of his chain saw massacres.
his Grand Daughter McKenzie picked them some Mushrooms, which left both Alan and Rosalie laid up with food poisoning, Or any one of Alan Davey's home-style renovations.
9/ Could have been killed many times by Rosalie, especially coming home from a day out, Alan was under the weather, must have been something he ate, Apparently he felt the need to be sick, but Ro would not stop the car so he wound down the window and the rest is history, except that he also lost his teeth in the process, again Rosalie would not stop. He wandered down the road the next day and found them right where he thought they would be.
Alan got very sick back in 2010 and we thought we'd lost him February of 2015, but he smiled and joked and kept on going, trying to fit in as much as he could.
Alan Passed away last Friday- peacefully, with little fuss and with dignity and pride, as he had lived.

- If you did the twelve days of Christmas about Alan it would arguably go something like this -
- 12 Working dogs
 - 11 Different service groups he volunteered for
 - 10 weeks premature when born
 - 9 lives – or holes of golf
 - 8 lots of seafood (and loved it)
 - 7 Days a week of milking cows every week
 - 6 Sporting Premierships
 - 5 Very noisy Grand Children
 - 4 Different farms
 - 3 Hip replacements and loving children
 - 2 Many operations
 - 1 Wonderful wife and wonderful life.

Alan, you had a great life that you shared with many, thanks for everything; you will be missed, but is always remembered with a smile.

Recent news items in the L V Express talk about turning the former Morwell Power Station into a tourism attraction. Now heritage listing [of the power station] is being canvassed. I have not seen any initiatives from the Centre for Gippsland Studies! What is the view of the MHS Inc?

[Some MHS Inc members have provided invaluable material. Non-members have also contributed. I am sure there is more untapped information “out there”. The following photographs and article were provided by Elaine Andrijczak – and the photographs are amazing. Have a look at the photograph on page 1 for instance, and you get an idea of what was available in the late 1920's. Leo.]

BACK TO MORWELL A Great Time of Reunions and Rejoicing

As was anticipated, Saturday last, October 12th, 1929 – was a “Red Letter Day” in the history of Morwell, as it marked the opening day of the “Back to Morwell Celebrations”, and the return of quite a host of esteemed old residents, who in days gone by played an important part in the affairs of the town and district and whom it was a pleasure to meet and renew old acquaintance.

The streets of the town and many of the business places were gaily decorated with flags, bunting, colored lights, etc., and presented an attractive and striking appearance.

At the entrance of the town, or Princes Highway, was a large banner stretched across the street, bearing words “WELCOME HOME”. Union Jacks and other flags waved proudly from the top of high poles and buildings, whilst lines containing scores of smaller flags and bunting along and across the streets fluttered in the breeze, and, as it were, “clapped their hands” in a joyful and welcoming manner.

[Above is the start of the news item as appeared in full in the July edition of *The Morwell Post*.]

“BACK TO SCHOOL”

The “Back to School” gathering on Wednesday afternoon was an occasion long to be remembered by all present.

Quite a number entered into the real spirit of the movement and “got back to childhood” in a manner that created no end of amusement and put everyone in a very happy mood.

Three “boys” – Steve Cooper, “Dick” and “Paddy” Brinsmead, mounted on a draught steed, in nickers with school bags on back, arrived ahead of “young” Col Davey riding “Mickey”, over 30 years of age.

Fred Heyward, Percy Howlett, Bob Watson, Rob Watson, Ernie Rowell, Len Davey, Jack Rintoull, Bud Kleine, and Alf Ronald were among the other boys in shorts who carried on high jinks played “cock fight”, egg cap, marbles and went on with a lot of “Tom-foolery” that created much fun and amusement.

Among the girls who returned to “childhood” and added much to the fun were Maggie Gay, Nellie Butters, Nellie and Violetta Symons, Ruby Love, Ena Billingsley, Ruby, Grace and Amy Watson, Queenie Kleine, Merle Tulloch, Kathleen Green, Barbara Lyons.

Among a host of other old school boys and girls present were Ted Crinningan, Jack McGauran, Bill Tolmie, Will and George Watson, Ern. and Bill Howlett, Clara Martin, Edith Donaldson, Catherine Crinnigan, Eva Gay, Susan McGauran, Martha Billingsley, Zilda Porter, Aggie and Jessie Dusting, Josie Quirk, Ada Bruton, Ivy Irving, Elsie Date, Elsie Howlett, Minnie, Muriel and Kathie Rintoull, Bill, Les, Marion and Ada Davey and May Heutschel.

Nearly all the children arrived early and had a good play before they were formed into line and marched into school. A few, however, were late, but they brought a note given reasons for same.

Two boys were “split” on, the teacher (Miss O’Toole) being informed that they were ‘wagging it’. The “youngsters” were somewhat unruly, and several asked to go out. It appeared to be “Visitors’ Day”, and as a result the school was simply packed with parents and others.

An attendance roll (dating back about 50 years ago, when the first school in the district was held in a small room not far from the site of the Morwell Butter Factory, about a mile from the town, with Miss McCrory teacher), was called by Mr. E. Hall, present Head Teacher, to which six answered “present”, namely, Ted Crinnigan, Lathering Crinnigan, Clara Martin, Edith Donaldson, Susan McGauran and Jack McGauran. Their photos were subsequently taken, with others, for publication in the “Weekly Times”.

Eventually the school was dismissed by Miss O'Toole and permitted to play outside. Numerous photos were taken after which afternoon tea provided by present-day scholars were served, and races, etc., arranged for the children.

During the proceedings the President of School Committee, Mr. G. P. Evans, extended a welcome to all. After spending a most enjoyable afternoon the school was eventually dismissed and the youngsters sent off home.





[One has to marvel at how adults relived their old school days!!]

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A blast from the past. Hugh Evans son Alan is now a Traralgon resident. I will catch-up with him soon – he remembers a lot about Morwell’s butcheries.

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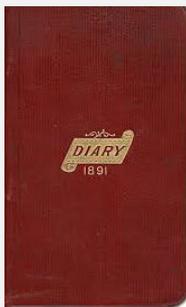
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