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From our old photographs



Recognise any of these young lads from the Morwell Fire Brigade?

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# Morwell Historical Society Directory 2015 – 2016

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**What is the history of this Morwell house?  
What is located on this prominent corner  
now?**



**\* As photographed several weeks ago, the stark tree below is in a paddock close to Morwell. David McInnes knows all about this tree. Ask David.**



**What business was once located at the corner of Ryan and Ellen Streets?  
Answer from the January 2016 newsletter = Jack Walsh Joinery**

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- ★ Morwell
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### Fish Dishes

#### CURRIED SALMON (Richard Donaldson)

**Ingredients:** 1 tin Salmon, 1 finely minced onion, Salt and pepper to taste, 1 teaspoon butter, 1—1½ cups milk, 1 dessertspoon curry powder, 1—2 tablespoons cornflour, Chopped parsley.

**Method:** Put fish into coverproof dish, flake well. Partly cook onion with salt and pepper until tender. Add to fish, cover with milk and simmer. Mix butter, cornflour and curry powder. Thicken mixture and bake for 10 minutes. Add parsley just before serving.

#### CURRIED TUNA, WITH PARSLEY SCONE WHIRLS (Kim Corbett)

**Ingredients:** 1 large tin tuna, or salmon, 2 eggs (hard-boiled), 1 green and 1 red pepper (or 2 tomatoes), 2 tablespoons butter, or margarine, 1 tablespoon of grated onion and two teaspoons curry powder, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk, salt, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, 8 ozs. scone dough, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley.

**Method:** Flake tuna, add eggs and peppers. Heat butter, add onion and curry powder, cook lightly. Blend in flour, cook 2 minutes, add 2 cups milk. Stir until mixture boils and thickens. Season with salt and lemon juice, add tuna mixture, turn into casserole. Roll scone dough out to a thin oblong sheet. Sprinkle with parsley, roll up. Cut into 1" slices, place on top of tuna, brush with milk. Bake in hot oven, 10 minutes, reduce heat to moderate, cook further 5 minutes. The scone dough may be omitted and tuna served with rice.

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As featured in the last newsletter, this page is also from a Commercial Road Primary School recipe book – date is not certain – compiled by the school's Mother's Club and teaching staff. Do you remember the two businesses mentioned above?

where we used to get our fish and chips up a little laneway to a half door on the side. This was later the Open Cut Cafe run by Perry Nicolades. Baklis had the next fish and chip shop then Budge's Butchers, clothing store (Bill Panthers??? may have been someone before him. Next was an electrical store owned by Langford??? who also lent money in conjunction with Arthur Holden. This later became a fruit shop. The other side had the Post Office on the corner then Kelly Bros motor bike shop ( I think their first car franchise was for D.K.W. with a gear stick on the dashboard. Arthur ????)

Green's shop was next which later became G.J.Coles first store. Barres ?? Green later had a small radio shop next. The Commonwealth bank built its first premises in cement sheeting at the corner of Tarwin and George streets.

The north side of Commercial road from the level crossing had a small newspaper premises, then a mens Hairdressing- Lou Magnuson?????, Johnson's electrical and radio, Kelly Bros refrigeration with Gordon Green, Bill Twomeys Hairdressing and billiard saloon, ( Later the Commercial Bank) Wally Baker and Graham Gordon accounting. Tony Hanson valuer, Keith Williams Estate Agency and I think one more shop before the railway goods yard which was later B.F.C. finance..

On the highway there was temporary accommodation for railway employees on railway land opposite the end of Latrobe Road (Some in railway carriages) then cattle yards the railway station, the station masters residence and a small cement sheeting building before the level crossing owned by Batsen & Bunn who bought rabbit and fox skins. On the other side of the level crossing was the fire station and mechanics institute hall. ( I think) Rayners had the cafe across the road where the takeaway is now and the tyre service was on the Highway and Hoyle Street corner.

From Church Street west there was the Methodist Church on Jephcott's corner then Stan Gude's garage (looked like a Nissan hut with a false front,) and then Trembaths garage and Broadbents boarding house. After that there were a few older weather board houses then Lou Bonds brick home.

I seem to recall a sawmill of some sort in Buckley Street at the rear of where Maryvale Timber is now which may have been owned by a Mr. Rice. Charlie Payne's dairy was in Church Street, Where the chemist shop is, Darling's dairy was in Latrobe Road / Mary Street, and later Jock Vickers operated from White Street near the morgue.

Access to Yinnar was via Hazelwood Road until the SEC cut that road for the open cut. Access was then via the Midland highway (extension of Maryvale Cres) until that was cut for the same purpose. The Princes Highway to Melbourne was via Morwell Bridge and the Haunted Hills with a turn off to Yallourn at the top of the hill before Hemes Oak. As there were no secondary schools in Morwell we all had to go to Yallourn - girls to the high and most boys to the Tech. As we had to go by bus we always prayed for heavy rain as the road used to flood at Morwell Bridge and we would have to go home. A high school was being planned for Morwell when I was at the Yallourn Tech but its first intake of students included my younger sister and the commenced operations in the Grey Street State School about 1954.

The La Mode factory was built in Church Street in the late 40's and employed a lot of women and young girls which was great for the town.

The ice factory was located in the bottom end of Ellen Street although I suspect there may have been another one somewhere else before this one.

The Latrobe Health Services also had its start in temporary offices in the Housing Commission buildings on the swimmingpool site. The APM had a single mens hostel at the end of Hoyle Street. The tradition late Sunday afternoon was to buy freshly baked bread from the back of Rutherfords bakery for Sunday nights dinner.

Ernie Miles, who later lived opposite us in Langford Street, started a garage in George Street and became a shell service station later selling to Mick Connell. Mrs Ada Miles

like many others in the town took in borders. Two of her notables for a short time were Cord Kuhlmann and Fred Ammann when they first arrived in Morwell. In the early days a lot of deliveries were made to the home. The baker would arrive each morning with a large basket of bread to choose from- nothing sliced, milk and perhaps even the butcher made deliveries as not many people had cars. All these deliveries were made by way of horse and cart and there was always a mad rush for any droppings the horse left behind for the veggie garden. Later Mr. Preston (Ann Street) commenced deliveries of fruit & vegetables. I later worked for him on Saturdays having to run ahead and let his customers know he was on his way and carry the heavy baskets into their homes. It was a 7am to 7pm day for 10/- which was good money but I was always ready for bed when I got home. Another job I had when I was about 12 was mowing Mrs Pointers lawns with a push mower for 3/- a time. She had the biggest lawn with about a 3" drop to the gravell drive which went right around the house so that all edges had to be mown at right angles which took me ages. Football was played on the main oval and on another oval constructed on Eric Brinsmead's property with junior matches on the town common and at some of the schools. Collins Street school oval sloped down hill which gave each team the advantage when they were kicking that way. It was the same for cricket as the pitch ran east / west and it was always great to drive to the north. Tommy Bond coached the junior football with Alby Cardwell giving fatherly advice to all junior cricketers in the practice nets. As the original swimming pool had been closed for many years and the McDonald Street pool was not yet started we all used to ride our bikes on hot days down to the Morwell river to a spot just before Bruce Brinsmeads house. The trouble was we always had to ride home again in the heat to be home in time for tea.

**Thanks to Robin for the memories. They will remain as an invaluable source of Morwell's history.**

## Morwell Historical Society Inc

### A request from Rob de Souza-Daw

**Rob de Souza-Daw is seeking information on any Morwell district soldier buried at the Ambon War Cemetery in Indonesia.**

**The 2/21<sup>st</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion was raised in Victoria for service in World War II and many were killed or died as POWs on Ambon or the neighbouring island of Hainan. Members of the RAAF and the Royal Netherlands Army also lost their lives on these two islands.**

**Private William Thomas Doolan grew up in Morwell but was living in Melbourne at the time of enlistment. He was killed by the Japanese at Ambon on 1/2/1942. At the time of his death, his parents Tom and Lillian Doolan were living in Commercial Road, Morwell. Private Doolan was married to Kathleen and had two daughters- June and Wendy.**

**Private Alan Claude Bolding and his brother Private Murray Arnold Bolding births were registered in Traralgon. At the time of their enlistment in the 2/21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, they were residents of Wonthaggi. Both lost their lives in 1945 as POWs on Ambon.**

**Are there others who had an association with the Morwell district and are buried or remembered at Ambon? Please convey any information or contacts to Rob.**

### Snippets from MHS Committee meeting – March 23, 2016:

- Stephen Hellings who has made a great contribution to the Society be made an Honorary Member for 2016/17.
- Fay Thompson offered to arrange publicity in the papers if Kellie is unable to do this due to her other many commitments.
- Since the meeting, information from Consumer Affairs Victoria publication advises as follows –‘Fundraisers that only use unpaid volunteers and raise less than \$ 10.000 (gross) per year do not need to register’
- Fay Thompson suggested that the Open Day dates should be included in the Newsletter.  
*[editor needs to know well in advance]*

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**Elaine Andrijczak** will be busy for the next few days. I caught up with Elaine during the week and her story is as follows:

“I am involved in organizing a Deppler/Nadenbousch Family Reunion on Sunday, 17th April at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve. My mother was a Deppeler and her grandfather John Frederick Deppeler came from Switzerland in 1869, initially to Geelong as a vigneron.

John's sister Bertha arrived in 1870 to join him and she later married Alphonse Nadenbousch in 1873. Alphonse had arrived from Switzerland in 1862 and he too was a vigneron and worked in the Geelong area. After a disease Phylloxera Vastatrix devastated the vineyards and they had to be uprooted and quarantined to eradicate the disease, Alphonse selected land at Hazelwood and moved with Bertha in 1873.

John followed in 1884 after obtaining a Transfer of Lease for land at Yinnar South.

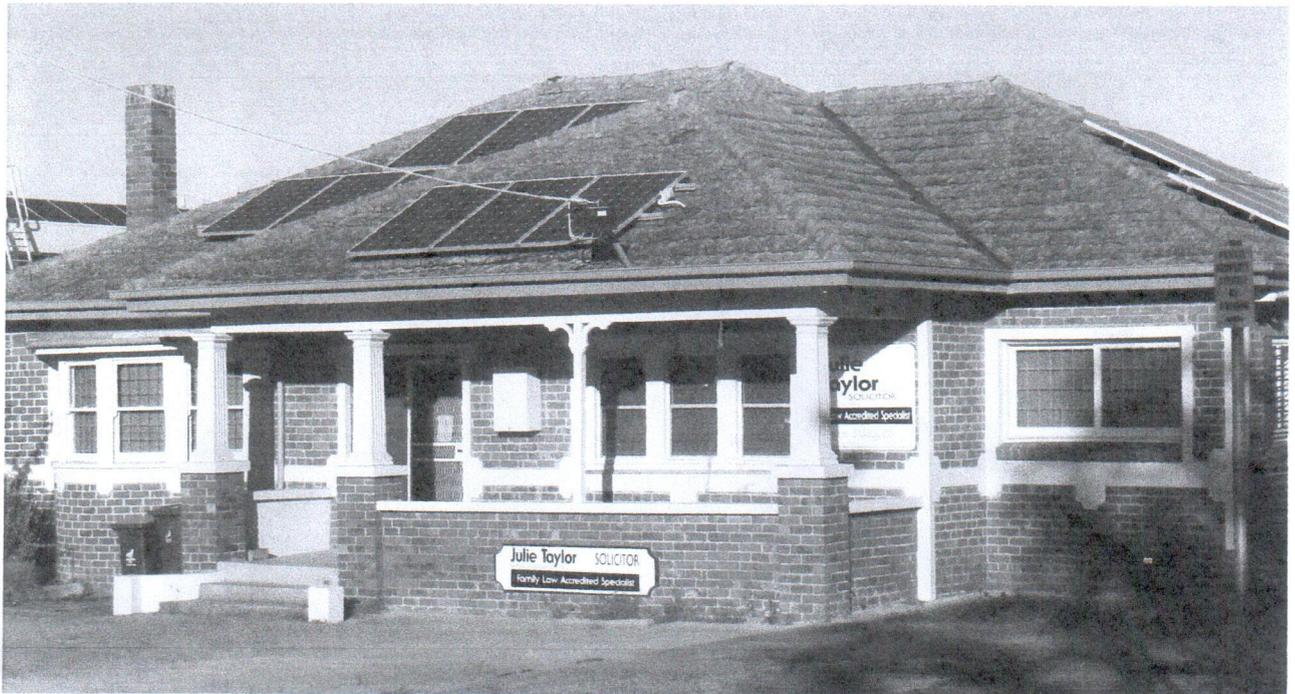
Rob de Souza-Daw has been very helpful in providing me with information on the Nadenbousch family and gave me photos of the headstones at the Nadenbousch grave site at the Hazelwood Cemetery. Alphonse, Bertha, his mother Elizabeth Peters, Presbyterian Section, Row N, Grave 210 Herbert, Agnes, Caroline, Presbyterian Section, Row N, Grave 209 There is also a headstone for Emily Mary within the grave.”



**Do you recognise the start of the Princes Freeway section as it heads east from Morwell? Take a close look and Morwell is just visible in the background.**



**Test your memory – who built and lived in the house pictured above? Where is it located? A clue = it's called Abbeywood and is about five minutes drive from Morwell.**



I am sure the house above is easily recognised. Who owned this house (and there was a garden) decades ago? It's a pity that wonderful houses like this from "yesteryear" are sold to become frigid offices.



[Editor's note] These signs are wonderfully displayed in a local private collection. Did you buy/use any of these products? Or did Grandma and Grandad use any of these?

**ANZAC Day 2016**



Private Robert Thomson was killed in action at Bullecourt on Wednesday, April 11, 1917 and is buried at Villers-Bretonneux,



**Adrian Rich**



**E. W. Junier.**

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
 POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
 10.1012/18.  
 18th January, 1918.

**MEMORANDUM** 10 -

The Acting Secretary,  
 Department of Defence,  
 Melbourne.

I beg to inform you that the following is copy of a communication, which has been submitted by the Acting Deputy Postmaster General, Melbourne, from Mrs E. Junier, 73 Bell Street, Moonee Ponds, Vic. relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of her son, Private E.W. Junier, who, it appears, died as a result of wounds received at Gallipoli on the 10th April, 1918:-

In reply to your request for information re my son, Private E.W. Junier of the 7th Battalion, I beg to state he was reported having fallen at the landing at Gallipoli the 10th April, 1918, and since then has been reported as wounded and missing, and no further record can now be found of him. The military authorities have now come to the conclusion that he died of his wounds, and notified me to that effect in October last, although there is no record. They have asked over about his affairs, but have not received any reply so far. My son's rank was Private - he was not married, and his father died when he was 8 months old.

I shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me with particulars concerning the death of Mr Junier, who was formerly Postman (Believing) at Moonee Ponds.

*Antonia Lambson*  
 Secretary.



**A patriotic FX – seen in Melbourne on April 25, 2015**



**(From previous newsletters; and still for sale. Talk about being resilient. Someone up above loves this church.)**

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**Do you recall 25 years ago when Church Street exploded? Yes, on March 17, 1991 at about 11.30 pm and it was St Patrick's Day. More information in the next newsletter.**

### *Information Page:*

Please note that the next meeting will be in April – see below.  
At 12 Hazelwood Road (Old Masonic Temple)



Please deliver me to:

#### **Meeting dates for remainder of 2016:**

At this stage:

**The next General Meeting is scheduled for  
2.00 p.m. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 12  
Hazelwood Road, Morwell.**

**2017 AGM - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**The Foundation Stone for the Masonic  
Temple in Hazelwood Road was laid on  
28th January 1927**

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#### **From Our Morwell Issues File:**

- Everyone will rejoice with Mr and Mrs L. Vary in that last week they received a cheery letter from their son, Bruce, who is a prisoner in Germany. The letter was 7 months on the way, and was the first news received for 12 months. He was well, and hoping to soon be home. *Morwell Advertiser Thursday, April 30, 1942*
- Bombardier W. McRoberts returned to duty on Friday, after spending his leave with his parents in Morwell. *Morwell Advertiser Thursday, April 30, 1942*
- The Morwell RSL Sub-Branch was formed by a group of Boer War and First World War Veterans in 1919. Members of the Sub-Branch originally held their meetings in various halls and locations around the district until they purchased a small property in Elgin Street Morwell from Mrs Martha Billingsley.

The next edition of the "Post" is due in late May 2016.

