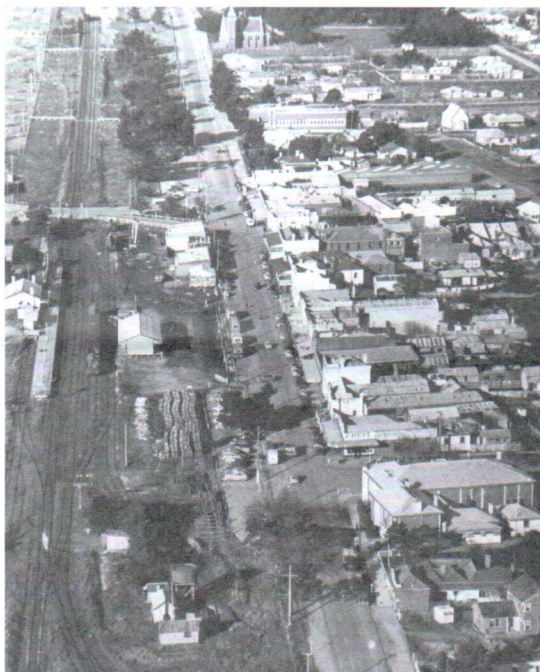


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(Above) - The Hazelwood Power Station begins to be erected. Soon it will close.



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### **Volunteers – what would “we” do without volunteers?**

How many people volunteer? In Australia - Formal volunteering in 2010: 36.2% of people aged 18 years and over participated in formal volunteering (6.1 million people). The 2011 Census rate for formal volunteering was 19.4%.

[Source – Volunteering Australia – April 2015]

From:

**MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

#### **MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 2PM ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

##### **Volunteer Policy**

Florence Butcher moved/Peter Gitsham seconded: “That the Volunteer Policy, as presented, be adopted.”  
Carried.

It was agreed that the policy would be subject to periodic review.

##### **Appointment of Volunteer Coordinator**

Reg Kemp moved/ Shirley Taylor seconded: “That Fay Thompson be appointed as the Volunteer Coordinator.”  
Carried.

Bruce thanked Fay for agreeing to take on this role.

The Morwell Co-op was established in May and began trading in July 1955. The first premises were located in a small shed at the S.E.C. works area in Wallace Street. The board of directors were : Jack Tulloch, Graham Jones, Jack Robert, Graham Benson, Les Kite, Harold Westgarth and Ron Farrington.

In its infancy the co-op relied very heavily on volunteer labour. The first employee was Mr. Harry Huguenin.

Dear Sir,

*I will not ask you for very much space now, but I will express my feelings and appreciation more when the Morwell Fire Brigade and I will celebrate their wonderful achievement at a dinner in the very near future. No doubt the members of the Morwell Fire Brigade are great heroes. They have saved four business houses and unemployment for about 14 people, also 3,000 to Sharpe Bros.' firm, which would have been a great loss if same had been completely destroyed. I also wish to THANK the general public for their efforts to assist us in every possible way. The Yallourn and Traralgon Fire Brigades deserve all credit for their wonderful response to our "call for help".*

*Wishing the Morwell Fire Brigade every success in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Norman Sharpe.*

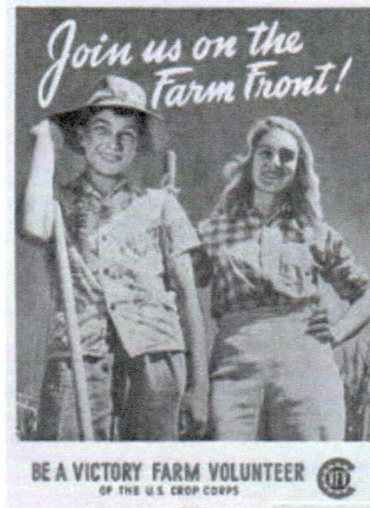
**November 1929**

There is no Patriotic Fund more worthy of your sympathetic consideration and support than this one on behalf of our men in the trenches. We appeal for volunteers to sell the Button [Friday, March 24 was set aside as Button Day] on March 2<sup>th</sup> in the town and on the various trains. (Button Day was in aid of the Lady Mayoress' Patriotic League for funds to carry on its work on behalf of 'Our Fighting Men.')

*Morwell Advertiser March 24, 1916 - an appeal from the Morwell Red Cross Branch*



# Volunteers!

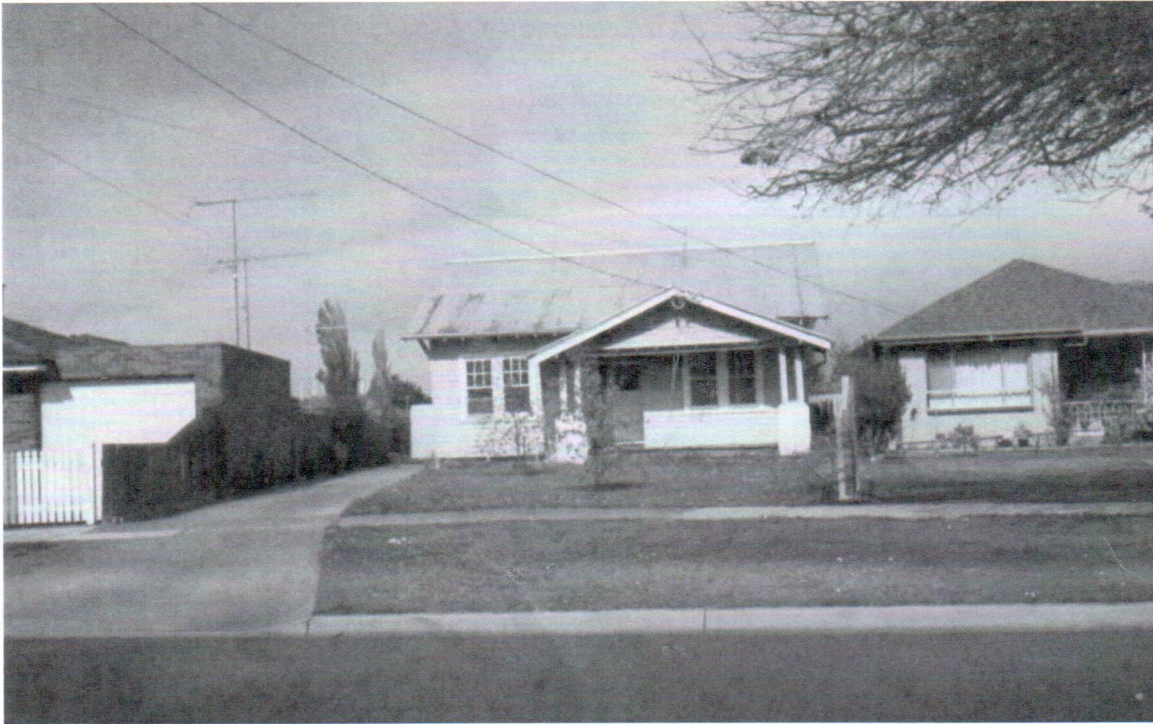


## VOLUNTEERS ARE VALUABLE

From *The Morwell Advertiser* - has memories for Joy Blakeley







**Who remembers these houses? The house pictured above [middle] was in Ann Street, Morwell. The bottom house was/is near Churchill.**



# COLES

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF A NATION!

## MATCHING \*BRI-NYLON SLIPS and BRIEFS

Luxurious satin finish... lavish cut lace trim. Beautifully cut and finished! Favourite colours in sizes SSW to OS.

**\$2<sup>50</sup>**



Sweet little briefs with a smooth, smooth fit. Trimmed elastic leg, neat elastic waist. Double gusset. Colours that please... in sizes SSW to OS.

## FANTASTIC PRICE FOR LADIES' BRIEFS



**Super  
Special**

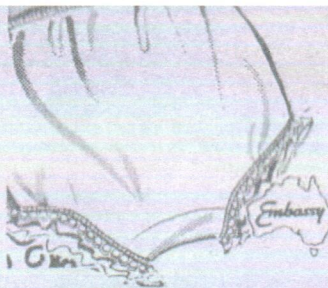
Scoop up several pairs at this price! White viscose-cotton in sizes SW, W, OS. Elastic waist, double gusset, neat band leg. ON SALE THURSDAY.

**30<sup>c</sup>**

**'EMBASSY'**

(See the next piece of this advertisement on page 8)





a smooth, smooth fit.  
Trimmed elastic leg, neat  
elastic waist. Double  
gusset. Colours that  
please . . . in sizes  
SSW to OS.

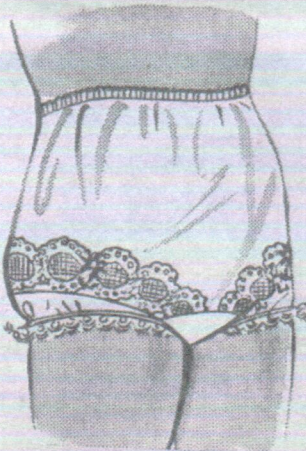
**70¢**

\*Bri-Nylon is a registered trademark.

## MODESS TWELVES

Choice of softest masslinn or  
the extra protection of blue  
shield.

**24¢**



## 'EMBASSY' GIRLS' BRIEFS

Three styles in  
rayon-nylon. Elastic  
waist, double gusset.  
Popular colours. Sizes  
3 to 13. Can can style,  
sizes 3 to 9 only.

**50¢**

waist, double gusset,  
neat band leg.  
ON SALE THURSDAY.

## 'EMBASSY' LADIES' NIGHTS

**\$1.79**



Cool, easy-care  
printed lawnette  
... three dainty  
styles. Waltz  
lengths in gay,  
colourful  
designs. Sizes  
SSW to OS.

## CHOCOLATE STARS

Delicious milk chocolate  
novelty . . . family  
favourite! Take home a  
bagful!  
ON SALE THURSDAY.

**1/2 lb. 26¢**



## CLEAR FRUIT DROPS

Colourful fruit flavoured  
candy . . . each piece  
individually wrapped!

**1/2 lb. 18¢**

COLES GUARANTEE SATISFACTION OR MONEY CHEERFULLY REFUNDED

# COLES STORES



## TEST YOUR MEMORY

### WHO REMEMBERS???

From: *Tales from the Valley* – written by Michelle Green

#### The Funeral Parlour

To avoid going past the government (state) school in the main street, I duck down a side street, White Street, anxious to avoid the taunts from the kids who recognise my navy blue school uniform.

On the way I have to pass the funeral parlour – no specific name, hidden away from the public eye, nestled among ancient cypress trees that cast their ominous shadows. Up until now I have never had to face death, but I reckon I can smell it – decaying, musky, “other-worldly.” Those bodies lie in that funeral home might be kept cool, but I suspect, unrefrigerated. My dad sells fridges and he’s never mentioned anyone from that place buying cool storage for bodies. There’s a kid in my class whose father works in that corrugated iron-clad structure. I never sit too close to him in case I catch the death germs.

The thought of those lifeless bodies freaks me out. No ideas, feelings, movement. No blood running through their veins. My legs go to jelly. With my nose pressed against the glass so I can get a better look, I see the undertaker emerging from the shed-like building, big circles around his eyes, dressed entirely in black, and indicating he wants me to disappear. Out of nowhere a tawny owl whooshes past my head, scaring the living daylights out of me. “Crikey,” I mutter to myself, “What’s he doing here? Is this an omen?” Now I am really spooked. I really need to get home. Quickly.

I break into a really fast sprint to the Town Common, a flat square of land just down the road from the parlour. Whew! Sanctuary. A few boys are playing kick-to-kick, others just mucking around, glad to be free of sitting behind a school desk all day. I am happy to have the company, even though they are strangers to me. Safety in numbers I reckon.

My brisk walking takes me along McLean Street where I spot a dead cat, freshly killed by a passing motorist. Death seems to be following me around today.

A couple of blocks to walk and I’m home, my heart beating quickly!



## Boils and ringworm

At my school there are diseases and sickness galore: mumps and measles, impetigo (infectious school sores) and boils, chicken pox and diarrhea, polio and pneumonia. In these post-war years the European families who come to the Valley bring all of these with them. Poor diet and poverty play a pivotal role in there being so many bouts of childhood diseases and illnesses, as well as the many others that emerge, without warning.

When the children in my class gets sick, the stoic nuns, followers of Mother Mary MacKillop, are kind to kids who need their attention. In spite of the huge numbers of students in the makeshift classrooms, formerly army barracks of corrugated iron – stifling hot in summer, icy cold in winter, a certain order prevails. Kids like me get the strap on a regular basis – four of the best for yakking. I should know better but it doesn't deter me. Once I start talking, I cannot stop.

Despite my varied and balanced diet I am riddled with deep, painful boils, from my face down to my legs, but concentrated mainly around the buttocks. Not being able to sit on the hard wooden desk's seat, I squat on a more comfortable rubber ring. I cannot announce my plight more loudly if I sing it from the rooftops or wear a sign around my neck advertising, "I've got boils." At home my poor father is given the task of squeezing out the hard cores of pus and to rub the salve on the inflamed blotches that cover my body. I scream out in agony during our daily ritual of going into the bathroom for dad to check for the latest additions. Will I ever be rid of this curse?

My heart goes out to Anna in my class. An angelic-faced girl, she wears a woollen beret daily to conceal the large scabs of ringworm that cover her head. Worse, she is completely shaved under that hat. Luckily no one makes fun of any of the afflicted. Each kid in the class has his own hardship – only rusks and eggs as their staple diet, grandmother sharing a bed with them, having no underpants or barely a change of clothes. Wet pants and wet beds are common, giving out the intense smell of urine that wafts around the classroom. The times are tough as people still recover from the war. Poverty is rife. It has been relocated from Europe to the Latrobe Valley. My classmates and their families have gone through far worse before coming to this town.

(Apologies for the crooked image – the original was crooked – gives variety. It's the memories which are more important: Editor's comment)





*Discover Yourself*

*Develop Your Power*

*Demonstrate Your Purpose*

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### **Our Creed for this Rotary Year**

"I divide the world into three classes: The few who make things happen; the many who watch things happen; and the overwhelming majority who have no idea what happens."

Nicholas Murray Butler

The Rotary Club of Morwell has completed its 18th year of service.

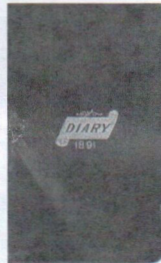


In the next newsletter, I will unveil the mystery school at the Jennings depot site.

Please note all meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month – 2.00 pm - at 12 Hazelwood Road (Old Masonic Temple)

ENJOY SPRING'S SUPERIOR WEATHER -

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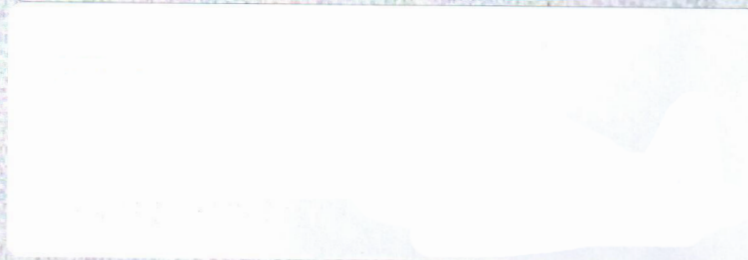


Meeting dates for remainder of 2016:

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



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### **From Our Morwell Cupboard File:**

The list of Morwell Rotary Club members is from the club's annual report for 1963-64. There are some prominent names listed. Who do you recall as notable citizens?

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