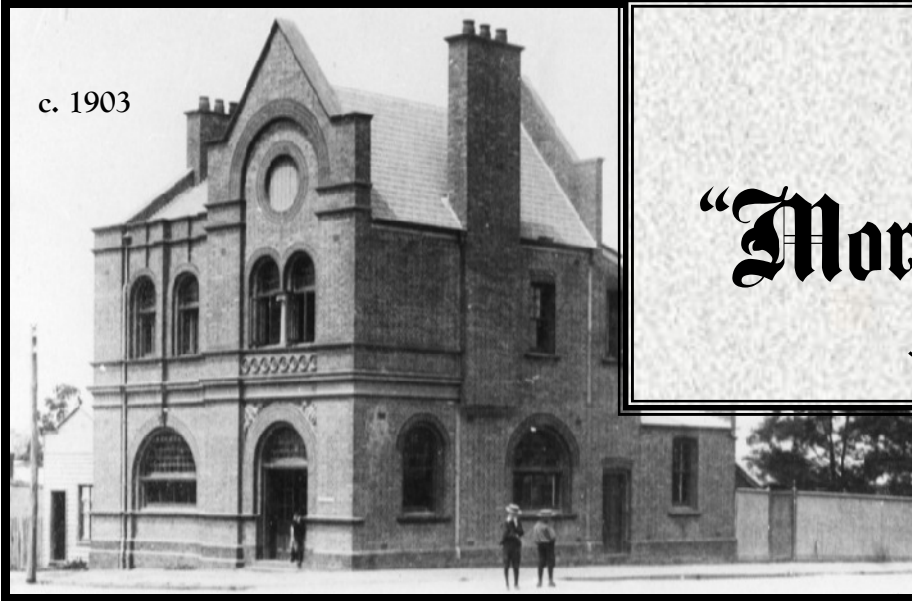


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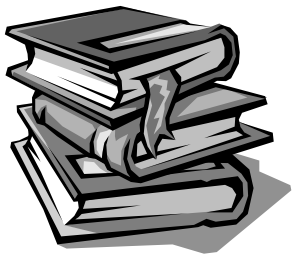
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## New Morwell Library - Local Historians To Benefit From Improved Facilities

The new Morwell library situated at 63-65 Elgin Street opened to the public on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

The building, which was previously occupied by 'Employment National' (the old Commonwealth Employment Service) provides approximately twice the floor space of the former library in Hazelwood Road.

The local history room will be of special interest to members.

All materials pertaining to local history and family history research are now housed in one central location. Local newspapers on microfilm and hardbound copies can now be perused in greater comfort and in a quieter more relaxed atmosphere.

Victorian Births, Deaths and Marriages information is also available, in either microfiche or computerised form.

GO FOR IT!

**Zenna Rintoull  
(Nee McCrory)  
1860-1901**



**Morwell Advertiser**

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1902

In Memoriam.

RINTOULL - In loving remembrance of dear wife and mother who departed this life on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1901.

Memories of our mother's kindly ways  
Shall linger with us all our days;  
So let these words of her be said,  
Never shall her memory fade.

She is sleeping, who is waiting  
For those whom she loved most here;  
Oh, be like her, cling to Jesus,  
And at least we'll meet her there.  
Our dearest mother has gone to rest.

-Inserted by J. Rintoull and family.

The 10<sup>th</sup> January 2003 marked the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Zenna's death.

Born at Ballarat on 30<sup>th</sup>. January 1860-  
Zenna was the fourth child of Thomas and Margaret McCrory who had come to Australia from Belfast.

Zenna was the first teacher at the Maryvale Ridge School in August 1877. She married Morwell Blacksmith John Rintoull at a ceremony conducted at the Royal Exchange Hotel at Sale on April 16<sup>th</sup>.1879.

The school at Maryvale Ridge closed on 31<sup>st</sup>. May 1879 and Zenna moved on to teach at the Moe Railway school (No. 2142) until 1880.

She resigned from the Education Department in April 1881.

She took a great interest in charitable and church matters (Presbyterian), and for many years she gave religious instruction to schoolchildren.

Zenna and John had 12 children, ten daughters and 2 sons. Zenna died suddenly of pneumonia at Morwell on 10<sup>th</sup>. January 1901.

Her funeral was one of the largest ever conducted in Morwell.

Thursday, November 1st. 1951

## Commonwealth Bank Opened



At the close of its first day of trading in the new temporary prefabricated structure in Tarwin St., (Green's corner), the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank was officially launched at a social gathering on the premises on Monday afternoon last.

After inspecting the new building, embracing a commodious banking chamber, manager's office and amenity section, and enjoying the bank's generous hospitality, the guests were officially welcomed by Mr. L. J. Dooling, Chief State Officer of the Commonwealth Bank, who thanked the business men present for their interest in the inauguration of a branch of the Bank at Morwell. He expressed to the Council, the shire president, Cr. D. J. White, and his predecessor, Cr. A. L. Hare, sincere appreciation of the permission extended to erect the temporary premises.

As it was not his bank's policy to place undue stresses on articles in short supply, the bank had decided on the temporary building as a measure of urgency.

It was, however, his pleasure to give the Council an undertaking that the bank would be established as a permanent structure, of which the town would be proud, as soon as circumstances permitted.

He said he was glad to extend a friendly hand to the managers of the other local banks present and looked forward to happy associations with them in the future.

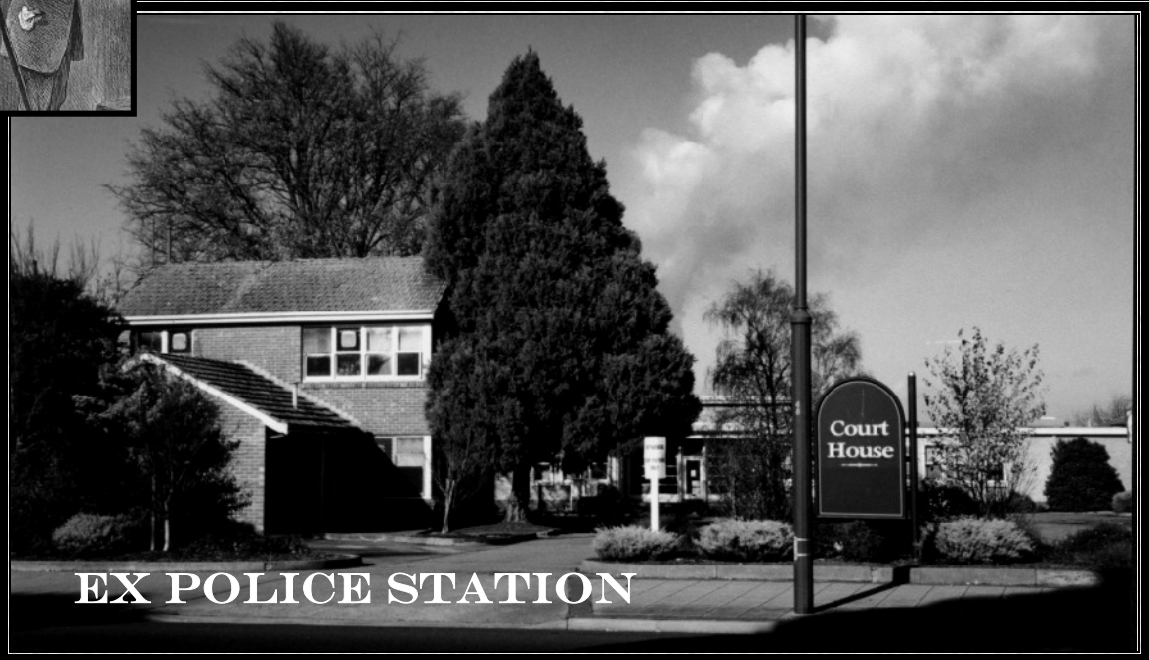
To Mr. Arthur Green, without whose ready co-operation the bank could not have established itself so smoothly at Morwell, Mr. Dooling paid a special tribute.

The local branch manager, Mr. L. E. Hayne, said that, although he had been in the town for only a week, he had seen enough to realise the great future in store for Morwell in spite of loan cuts. The future of the Commonwealth Bank was bound up in the future of Australia. He confidently expected Morwell would be a substantial unit of the Bank.

For the managers of the local trading banks, Mr. W. Laycock expressed pleasure at the opportunity to partake in a very pleasant social function. He agreed entirely with the Commonwealth Bank's outlook on the future of Morwell and district, and looked forward to happy associations with it in their mutual sphere of service to the people.

The shire president, Cr. D. J. White, said he was glad to learn of the very high opinion of Morwell held by the financial institutions. The Morwell project had started and could not be stopped through a money shortage. He was confident that the difficulties would be ironed out and the work would soon go on till the scheme was completed. It could well be that Morwell might become a second Birmingham.

# From our photographic collection



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**COURTHOUSE**



## From our Wedding File



### Morwell Advertiser

19<sup>th</sup> April 1901

#### Orange Blossoms.



#### BRAZEL-DONOHUE.

A pleasing ceremony was performed in the local Sacred Heart Chapel on Wednesday, when Mr W. Brazel, of Middle Creek, and Miss Mary Margaret Donohue, eldest daughter of Mr John Donohue, of West Australia, and neice of Mr Thos. O'Halloran, of Morwell, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by the Rev. Father Colman. A large number were present to witness the ceremony.

The bride looked very nice in a handsome dress of white silk, very prettily trimmed with white silk lace, chiffon front, and train; also handsome wreath and veil.

Her sister, who attended as first bridesmaid, was gowned in electric blue bengaline, white silk yoke, back and front edged with white appliqué and black ribbon, velvet hat to match.

Miss Brazel, sister of bridegroom, was dressed in a navy blue costume with pale blue front, toque to match.

Miss McNamara



# Morwell Advertiser

Friday, 9th. January 1931.

## HOTEL CLOSED

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The Cricketers' Hotel, Morwell, closed its bar on the last day of 1930, the license having been surrendered by Mr Don McKay, after having been in existence for over 50 years. We understand that the hotel was built by the late Mr. W. Murdoch who also built a hall close by, on site now occupied by Hare's garage. He also erected cattle sale yards at rear of the hotel in which the first auction sales were held in Morwell.

If the bar could speak it could no doubt relate some wonderful tales and interesting stories. Mr Murdoch sold the "Cricketers" to Mr. W. Millett, and built the fine brick hotel that bears his name, better known perhaps as "Barry's Hotel."

The next proprietor of the "Cricketers" was Mr Charlie Smyth, who sold out to Mr Donald McKay, whose excellent conduct of the old hotel is a by-word extending throughout Gippsland and beyond.

The closing of the "Cricketers" is due to the fact that Mr McKay purchased the Club Hotel to which he is making extensive alterations and additions.



The following article appeared in the **Morwell Advertiser** edition

dated: **Thursday 3rd. June 1965**

## **PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE IS 'SIGN OF OUR PROGRESS'**

The new Elizabeth Wilmot Pre-School Centre is another milestone in the progress of Morwell, said Cr. Hourigan at the official opening on Monday afternoon.

Cr. Hourigan was speaking in support of Cr. A. L. Hare's address of welcome to the guest of honor, Dr. A. Elizabeth Wilmot Director of Maternal and Child Welfare.

Cr. Hare congratulated the ladies committee and residents of the Well St. area who, by their efforts and generosity, raised £1500 towards the cost of the building.

The Shire granted £2,300; a Government grant of £3,000 was received and Morwell Rotary Club raised £1,400, £300 of which was a donation from the Soccer Charity Series.

Cr. Hare congratulated Mr Connon who drew up plans for the new building and Mr Lou Lovel, the builder. Opening the centre, Dr. Wilmot said it was an honor to have it named after her, and made special mention of a portrait of herself done by local artist Brian Noonan. The portrait, hung in the centre, is an excellent likeness.

Mrs J. Waugh is president of the ladies auxiliary, and Mrs B. Dillon is secretary.

These ladies were congratulated by Cr Hare on their hard work during the initial stages of forming the new centre.

Cr Hourigan said it was a grand co-operative effort and a wonderful asset to what was now a very good residential area.

Antique gold, eggshell blue and deep aqua combine to make a pleasing color scheme for the attractive building which features low, wide windows looking over sloping lawns and playground.

Directress, Mrs Sandra Shaw and her assistant Miss Cheryl Kingham, selected the furnishing and equipment.

In one corner are tables set with pink teaset, dolls, prams and cots so that tiny girls can play at being mother, and learn the art of housekeeping. Mops and brooms are tidily stored with other cleaning equipment.

In another corner are several percussion instruments to help children develop a natural sense of rhythm.

Mrs. Shaw plans to increase the groups of 12 to 30, and this will be done gradually by including two extra children each week.

Mrs. F. Little, Directress of the Vincent-rd. Pre-School Centre, who had previously conducted a part-time centre in Well-St., was the one to set the ball rolling and urge the committee to work for a permanent centre in the area.

President Mrs Rogers and Secretary Mrs Higginson worked with her towards this end.

## Next

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
2003  
7.30 pm

21 Church Street



## From our Historical Diary- January:



1878 First land survey in Morwell

1879 First sale of allotments

1886 Opening of Morwell-Mirboo  
railway line

1900 Opening of Eel Hole Creek  
School

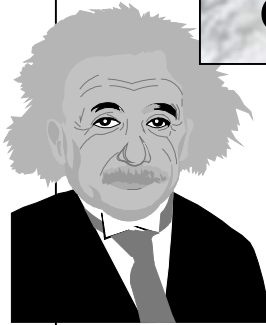
1901 Passing of Zenna Rintoull

1927 Laying of foundation stone  
Masonic Temple - Hazelwood Road

1935 Fire at Mechanics Institute Hall

1946 Formation of Chamber of  
Commerce - evolved from Traders  
Association

## Quiz Corner ??



Who was the first head teacher  
at Collins Street Primary  
School?

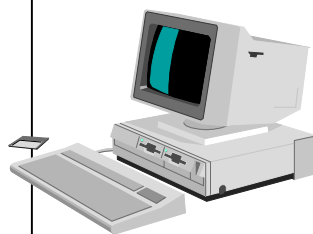
- A. Thomas Monahan
- B. Alan Mackinder
- C. Laurence Kelly
- D. Allan Mathieson



While we are on the subject of teachers can  
you name the gentleman pictured above?

Answer to last issue's quiz:

B. Donald Shaw



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**Thank You  
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