

OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL OF
SIR STANLEY SAVIGE FOUNDER OF LEGACY
Friday, 16 April 2010 at 11.00 am
Legacy Place, Commercial Road, Morwell
Cr Sandy Kam



We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting here today on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunnai/Kurnai clan and pay our respect to their past and present elders.

Today marks the completion of another stage in acknowledging and honouring a 'local' identity who made a significant contribution to Australian Society – Sir Stanley Savige.

We are fortunate that the Latrobe City community can claim Sir Stanley as 'one of their own'.

He was born in Morwell on 26 June 1890, being the son of Samual and Ann Savige and grandson of John Savige, who selected land and settled at Narracan in 1875.

Sir Stanley Savige is a special individual worthy of community recognition by his significant and long lasting contribution; firstly as a decorated military person but more importantly, as a humanitarian and founder of Legacy – a wonderful organisation dedicated to caring for the families of deceased veterans.

Latrobe City Council is proud to have been involved in this second stage of a project here in Legacy Place which provides a permanent memorial to honour Sir Stanley Savige.

This memorial is the result of initiatives and co-operation between council and many community groups and organisations in our community who have worked closely together - including Advance Morwell, Legacy, local RSL sub branches, and the Morwell Historical Society. Our gratitude goes to all who have embraced and delivered this project.

The result is a memorial which will draw the eye of those in our community as they shop and visit services, connect with public transport, or merely take a walk to meet friends and enjoy a sunny day.

I am sure many people will stop at this memorial as they pass through Legacy Place and be inspired by the words that are dedicated to this man, who made his mark on history; and who left his very special legacy to benefit those that would come after him.

Thank you