



Coming up roses: Friends of the Garden's Delma Matthews and Bev Maguire display their photograph in the Hazelwood Health Study exhibition.

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Hopes in parliament

THE Hazelwood Health Study's photographic exhibition which allowed Morwell community groups and advocates to express their wishes for the town's future will be displayed for a week in Parliament House.

Hazelwood Health Study community wellbeing research lead and exhibition organiser Sue Yell said it was meaningful for the community to know it was a sitting week when the works were displayed so every day politicians filing into Parliament through Queen's Hall could view the community's aspirations.

"There's been so much negative press I guess around [the Morwell] community but this is a really positive story so it's really great to show how the community is resilient and bouncing back," Dr Yell said.

The exhibition features the hands of

local residents and community group members holding an object which symbolises their aspirations for the future of the town.

Dr Yell said it captured the diversity of the community and revealed the wishes of groups such as Morwell Swimming Club and "the really vibrant" Morwell Centenary Rose Garden.

"I really hope it will challenge some preconceptions [about Morwell]," Dr Yell said.

She said, even though the community experienced hardship, the people were not defined by it.

Our hopes for the future of Morwell was displayed at Switchback Gallery in Churchill last year and will be on display at Queen's Hall from May 21 to 25.

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