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Newsletter



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President's Patter

Hello everyone

Hope everyone had a lovely break over the Easter. We will be busy over the next couple of months with school visits, Mudgeeraba Street Party and Mudgeeraba Show. Hope to see you all at these events. Stay safe everyone.

Joan

We are on Facebook and Instagram -
GC Hinterland Heritage Museum - please like us
and spread the word.

What's been happening at the Museum

Congratulations Anne



Anne Panitz, our wonderful Secretary was one of the recipients of the Division 9 Community Hero Awards for her untiring community work. Congratulations Anne.



Anne Panitz, former Leader at Nerang District Girl Guides and Janine Wilkins who was a Guide under Anne and is now a Leader herself. Both ladies were honoured with Queensland Women's Week awards for their service to the community.



Our newest volunteer at the Museum is rather shy so you may have to look around the corner to see them in action.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Ryan from Southport Timbers – a division of Williams Group Australia – for the assistance he gave to us when we purchasing some timber for repairs at the museum.

The late Dr Peter Ochsenbein



The late **Dr Peter Ochsenbein** was a great friend and supporter of the Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum, as well as benefactor. In his memory we have dedicated a seat on the railway platform.

MR J. DAVIES ENTERTAINED on the occasion of retirement.

MR. J. DAVIES ENTERTAINED (1948, February 4). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 9. Retrieved March 17, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article187686165>

Mr J.H. Davies, the founder of the S.C. Dairy Co. and general manager since the inception of the Company which has recently been acquired by the Milk Suppliers as a Co-operative Company, has resigned the position of manager and on Wednesday night last a number of citizens assembled at the Anglers Arms Hotel to mark the occasion and to pay tribute to him as a citizen of worth.

Mr A.R. Andrews presided, and the gathering took the form of a dinner during which all present voiced their appreciation of Mr Jack Davies citizenship, special reference being made to his marked success as manager of the S.C.D. Co. and in the introduction of pasteurisation of milk and cream to the South Coast. One phase referred to was Mr. Davies' regard for the school children for whom he had introduced the much-appreciated system of giving special concessions to the children to enable them to have a bottle of milk with their midday lunch at school. His generous assistance to all local and district institutions was also stressed. Mr Cecil Carey, president of the Southport Chamber of Commerce spoke of the good work done by their guest in introducing a very important industry to the district and wished him well in his retirement. He was supported by Messrs W.F. Serisier (Town Clerk), J.N. Radcliffe, R.M. Taylor (manager CBA), W. DIXON (Stock Inspector), K.B. Price, J.W. Balls, G.R. Netterfield (Manager QN Bank), J. Purvis who also referred to Mr Davies having established a casein factory at Carrara prior to Inaugurating the S.C. Dairy Coy, E.R. Loutitt (CEL Co.), W.P. Cassidy, N.C. Cumming (ES & A Bank), J.R. Boadle, Fred Ellis, S. Johnston, L. Barnes, Hardie, M.R. Walker, J. Boulton, C. Hill, E. Dellaway, W.A. Siganto, Gibbins, Coffey, H.J. Allom (secretary SCD Coy), W. Davies, F.G. Andrews and A.R. Andrews.

Mr L. Snape secretary of the Milk Board spoke of his association with Mr Davies over 8 or 9 years and said that their guest had done a very fine job for the people of Southport and the farmers of the district generally. Mr Davies, he said, had pioneered the pasteurised milk business for the South Coast of Queensland.

The Chairman presented Mr Davies with a book and extended the best wishes of his many friends for his future welfare.

Mr Davies expresses his appreciation of the honour done him and the sentiments voiced by the several speakers; also, he thanked them for the presentation.

Apologies for absence and conveying good wishes to Mr Davies were received from the mayor (Ald. Proud), Ald. Lennie, R Persse, L. Lacey, E.D. Andrews, H. Jackson and H.A. Dixon.

Appreciative remarks were made regarding the catering by Miss H. Barnes and the toast of the chairman concluded the proceedings.



South Coast Dairy, 1936 (Image City of Gold Coast Council Local Studies Collection)

CASEIN FACTORY AT CARRARA

CASEIN FACTORY AT CARRARA (1935, January 7). The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954), p. 4. Retrieved March 17, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article35856438>

Southport, January 6.

A casein factory has been established on the property of Mr J.H. Davies, at Carrara and modern machinery has been installed for the manufacture of a high-grade casein. The plant will be operated by electricity supplied by the Electric Construction Company of Australia Ltd., Southport, and it is expected that the factory will be working in a few weeks.

It is stated that a good supply of milk curd is assured from farmers in the district and that there is a big demand for casein. It is understood that the factory will be controlled by a company called Queensland Casein Co. Pty. Ltd., which was formed recently with headquarters at Nerang.

CASEIN FACTORY – Official opening.

CASEIN FACTORY (1935, January 18). The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947), p. 7 (CITY FINAL LAST MINUTE NEWS). Retrieved March 17, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article187292526>

There was a representative gathering at the official opening of the Queensland Casein Company's factory on Mr J. Davies farm, Glen Rock, Carrara yesterday, when Mr T.F. Plunkett M.L.A., switched on the machinery. The remarks of Mr Plunkett were supported by Messrs. J. Shepherd, J. Purvis (president of the Southport Chamber of Commerce), N.F. Langdon (general manager for Queensland of the Vacuum Oil Co.), Alf. Ward, and B. Gillespie.

The factory, which consists of one complete unit electrically driven with power from the Electric Construction Company's Southport works, involved an expenditure of upwards of £1000 and the factory started operations with over 50 suppliers.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Plunkett stated that he had been accused of having used his influence in endeavouring to block the establishment of a butter factory at Nerang. It was absurd for anyone to say that he was opposing the establishment of a butter factory in the Nerang district, which was part of his electorate.

What is Casein?

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casein> viewed 17/03.2024.

Casein is the primary emulsifier in milk, that is, it helps in mixing oils, fats and water in milk.

Casein has a wide variety of uses, from being a major component of cheese, to use as a food additive. Casein is secreted into milk from mammary cells. As a food source, casein supplies amino acids, carbohydrates and two essential elements, calcium and phosphorus.

Casein has many uses including paint, glue, food, cheesemaking, protein supplements, plastics and fibre, medical and dental uses.

Some of the earliest plastics were based on casein. In particular, galalith was well known for use in buttons. Fibre can be made from extruded casein. Lanital, a fabric made from casein fibre (known as Aralac in the United States), was particularly popular in Italy during the 1930s. Recent innovations, such a Qmilk are offering a more refined use of the fibre for modern fabrics.



White galalith RAAF pre-1953 buttons made from casein.

SOUTH COAST DAIRY, Co.

Depot Plan Approved

The Town Council on Wednesday approved of the plan submitted on behalf of the South Coast Dairy Coy. Pty. Ltd, by Mr. J Davies for the depot to be erected in Scarborough street, next the Salvation Army Hall on the southern side. This Dairy company which will carry on a pasturised milk and cream supply business is erecting an attractive brick and concrete building with tiled walls at a cost of approximately £1,000.

The main work room will be 30ft by 45ft and at the rear there will be a receiving platform also the can and bottle washing department while in the front portion of the structure

there will be offices and laboratory; two pasteurising and cooling chambers are also provided. The waste waters will be drained into the Army-mor sewer. The building which is to be constructed on the latest hygienic principles has been designed by Messrs T. R. Hall and L. B. Phillips, Architects.

SOUTH COAST DAIRY, Co. (1936, March 27). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 3. Retrieved March 24, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article133483124>

SOUTH COAST DAIRY CO. to manufacture cheese.

SOUTH COAST DAIRY CO. (1941, September 12). South Coast Bulletin (Southport, Qld. : 1929 - 1954), p. 1. Retrieved March 24, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article188882424>

The establishment of the South Coast Dairy Coy's Pasteurised plant a few years ago added an industry to Southport's activities and during its very successful career the Company has been instrumental in distributing a very large amount of money amongst the dairymen of Southport, Nerang and Coomera districts besides giving employment to a number of hands in the well-appointed factory in Scarborough Street.

Very large quantities of milk are handled by the Company and in addition to supplying local and district requirements of bottled and bulk pasteurised milk and cream a large quantity goes forward to Brisbane to be manufactured into ice cream by Peter's Ltd.

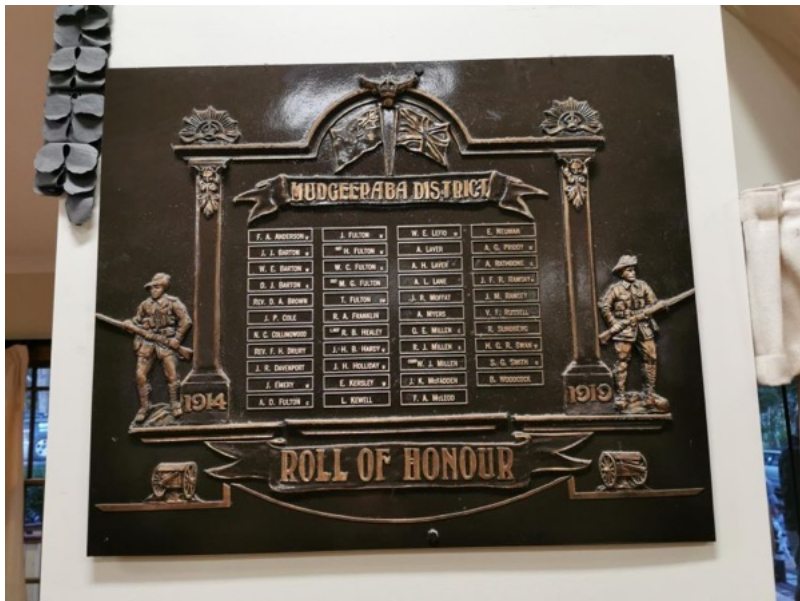
To stabilise the supply of milk the Directors on the advice of their enthusiastic Manager, Mr J. H. Davies, recently decided to add cheese making to the Company's activities and at the Executive meeting held in Brisbane last week an Order in Council was passed giving approval under the Dairy Produce Acts of 1920/40 to the Company's application for permission to erect a cheese factory at Southport and to instal the necessary equipment.

No time has been lost in making a start with the additional accommodation and the building is now in the course of erection.



The Directors of the Company are to be commended on their enterprise which will enable them to absorb all available milk during winter as well as summer and which will in no small measure add to the potentialities of Southport which for many years has been sadly lacking in secondary industries.

*Officials at the opening of the South Coast Dairy, Scarborough Street, Southport, 1936.
(image courtesy City of Gold Coast Local Studies collection)*



SACRIFICES MUST NOT BE IN VAIN

SACRIFICES MUST NOT BE IN VAIN. (1919, April 3). *Toowoomba Chronicle (Qld. : 1917 - 1922)*, p. 5. Retrieved April 16, 2024, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article253139853>

In the course of unveiling the Mudgeeraba and District Honor Board at the Mudgeeraba Railway Station last Saturday, Mr J.G. Appel, MLA, said that it was the duty of the State to do the best that was possible for the soldiers who were returning. The best land should be open to them for selection, with priority for all agricultural and grazing lands. He regretted to say that it was not being done. Instead, they were met by a growth of Bolshevism, matured by slackers. The soldiers, however, had determined to see what the State and Commonwealth Governments did their duty and that the law was observed. Furthermore, behind the soldiers was a force that would compel the Government to do that duty. The boys had made it plain that they had no intention that their sacrifices should have been in vain.

The Roll of Honour was housed at the Railway Station and moved to the memorial hall in 1923 when the hall opened. The Mudgeeraba Roll of Honour was destroyed in 1993 when the hall was razed by fire.

LEST WE FORGET

Management Committee 2023

Joan Rudd [President], Anne Panitz [Secretary]. Sue Mills [Treasurer, Registrar, Newsletter] Jack Rudd, Brian Cox, George O'Brien, Lenore Crouch, Mariette Buckingham, Neil Sands, Pam Sands, Peter Jones, Carol Jones, Warren Davis, Tom Cowper, Lloyd Mills, Beatrice Booth, Odette Dalton.

Meetings held 3rd Sunday of each month on site.

Our aim is to collect and preserve historical and heritage material illustrating the growth and development of the Hinterland Region of the Gold Coast from the original pioneering days until today. We plan to arrange and describe these materials and make them accessible to the general public on a regular basis as well as providing educational programs where possible to increase public awareness and appreciation of the Gold Coast Hinterland region's history and development. Members of the Management Committee have connections with pioneering families in the district.

"Friends of the Museum" is for anyone who shares our same interest in preserving the history of our region and is interested in assisting with the set-up and operation of the museum. Further details on the 'Friends' and application form may be obtained from the secretary.

Diary Dates - subject to change without notice

April 2024

7 – Museum open 10am-2pm
14 – Museum open 10am-2pm
16 – Estia Health Aged Care
18 – Mudgeeraba Special School
21 – Museum open 10am-2pm
21 – Museum meeting 2pm
28 – Museum open 10am-2pm
30 Marymount school

May 2024

2 – Marymount school
5 – Museum open 10am-2pm
7 – Marymount school
8 – Mudgeeraba Creek SS
9 – Mudgeeraba Creek SS
12 – Museum open 10am-2pm
14 – Ashmore SS
16 – Ashmore SS

May 2024 cont....

19 – Museum open 10am-2pm
21 – Caningeraba SS
24 – Caningeraba SS
25 – Caningeraba SS
26 – Museum open 10am-2pm

June 2024

2 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
9 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
16 – Museum open 10am – 2pm
16 – Museum meeting 2pm
23 - Museum open 10am – 2pm
29 – Mudgeeraba Show
30 - Museum open 10am – 2pm
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The Museum Committee would like to thank the Council of the City of Gold Coast for their continued support of the Museum through Whole of City Funding and rate reduction.