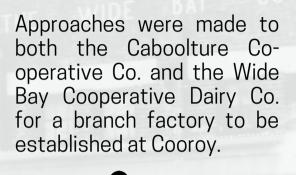


Wide Bay Co-operative Dairy Association Limited, Cooroy, ca. 1939 Photograph: John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland, Image No. 8121





Water diviner, Professor Neumann, located an abundant supply of water at a spot adjacent to the proposed factory.

Foundation stone laid by Councilor James Duke.



1910

1911

1914

Caboolture and Wide Bay Co-operatives inspected the proposed factory site.

Mr Sinclair, Manager of the Wide Bay Cooperative Dairy Co met with the committee of the proposed butter factory. Steps were now underway for the construction of a new factory.



The Fenwick Bros. were contracted to complete the construction of the timber factory at a cost of £4,500. Messrs Waugh, Josephson and staff commenced plant installation.

Mr A Munro constructed a bore at the Cooroy Butter Factory to locate a better water supply. A good supply of water was found at 27 feet.

1915

The new Butter Factory was officially opened by the Premier of Queensland, Mr DF Denham. Factory Manager was Mr Cumming. The first of 116 cream suppliers was C Bennett.

Plans were prepared by Mr H Hammar and approved for a brick building, approximately 60 feet by 70 feet, which comprised the butter roller, churn room, cold storage room, testing room and a pasteurising room which was not included in the old building. Present churns were utilised as well as installation of a Flash pasteurising system, vats and cream cooler. Estimated cost of the building: £10,000.



Mr C Heaven from Norman Park, Brisbane, obtained the contract for demolishing the old Cooroy Butter Factory and constructing the new brick building. Mr Walsh from Gympie won the tender for the supply of broken metal and Cooroy local Mr Washington won the tender for the required sand.

Mr. C Carlson of Kandanga was the successful tender for the purchase of removal of the old office buildings at 32 pounds. Mr. J McPherson was appointed engineer, replacing Mr. W Smith.



1930

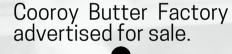
Mr D Munro obtained the contract for sinking the Butter Factory well an additional 24 feet. The Butter Factory ceased operations. Cream was sent to the Gympie factory until the new factory was completed.

Butter Factory operations resumed in the newly completed building.



Cooroy Butter Factory was officially opened by the Minister for Railways, Mr. Godfrey Morgan. Factory Manager - Mr. F G Krebs. By 1931, there was 263 cream suppliers. Railway carriages arrived at the Cooroy Railway Station with four of the 10 carriages used to create a railway restaurant/tourist attraction on the siding next to the Butter Factory.

Tric Tracs Restaurant opens at the Butter Factory siding.



1931 1975 1976

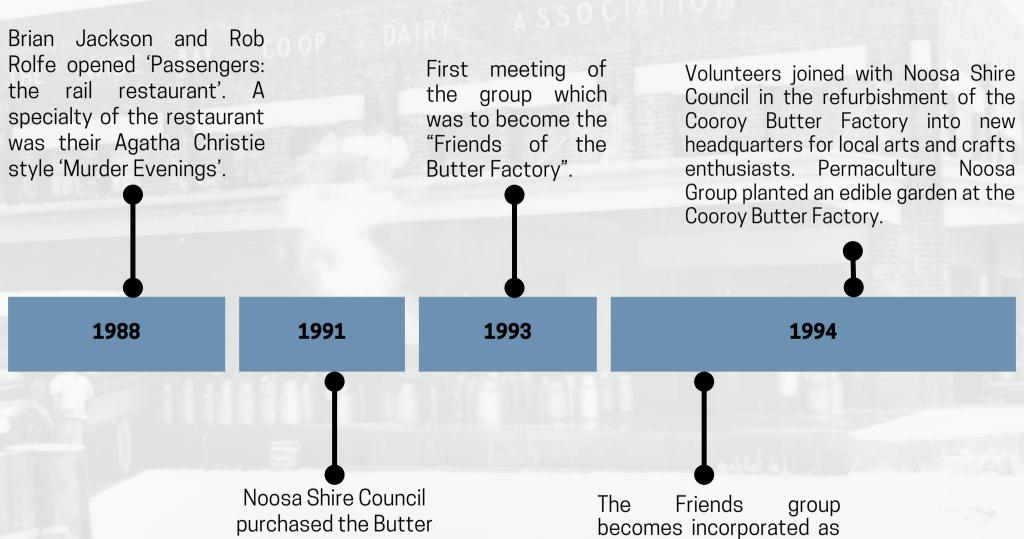
1985

The Butter Factory ceased production and cream was again forwarded to the Gympie butter factory. Spiraling production costs and a decline in dairying forced the closure.

Rohan Schneider and Jane Stephenson purchased the Cooroy Butter Factory for \$110,000.

Potters Jo Harrold and Dick Bradley turn the Butter Factory into a craft centre where they can work at their pottery and also display items of weaving, leather, glasswork and general arts and crafts.





The Cooroy Butter Factory

Association Inc (CBFA).

Factory and adjacent

buildings for use as a

community centre.





opening by Concrete foundations for ceramics building laid.

Inaugural Contemporary Furniture Exhibition held at the Cooroy Butter Factory in partnership with Queensland Homes.



1995

TAFE certificate in art begins at the Butter Factory.

Big Marimba project (part of the Brisbane Biennial Music Festival) inspires concept of the Cooroy Street Festival. Marimbas were made at workshops run at the Cooroy Butter Factory.



Cooroy Streetscape Project – over 400 participants were involved in community workshops through the stages of facilitation, planning, design, creation and installation of six major works and 1500 pavement works in Maple Street, Cooroy.

The old office building was renovated by the Cooroora Woodworkers for use as a clubhouse.

Proposed Kiln and Shed for TAFE Ceramics approved by Noosa Council.

1996

1997

Permaculture Noosa Inc. (via job skills program) established the grounds of the Cooroy Butter Factory as a permaculture garden.

Cooroy awarded first prize in the Tidy Towns awards for community participation (as a result of the Cooroy Streetscape Project).



Temporary closure of the Butter Factory due to a white ant infestation.

Noosa Council funded \$257,000 worth of repairs to the termite infested building including the replacement of the room and refurbishment of a section of concrete flooring.

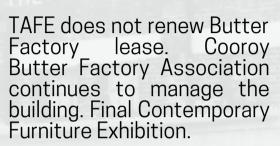
1999

The Combined Coastal Car Club, Johnson Park in Cooroy became the temporary office of the Cooroy Butter Factory Association Inc.

2000

Butter Factory reopens in September.





The Cooroy Butter Factory Association (CBFA) terminates its lease agreement with Council to manage whole of the Butter Factory.

Creative Noosa takes over management of the building.



2004 2005

2006



Noosa Council establishes Creative Noosa Unit based in Cooroy to service artist and communities of the shire and partners with adjoining shires to develop regional projects and strategies. CBFA sign a 12 month license to use the pottery and front gallery space in the Butter Factory.

Major refurbishment works undertaken to the entrance and floor.



Noosa Council handed the management of the Arts Centre over to community organisation, the Cooroy Future Group.



2016

2017



Noosa Council supports the Cooroy Future Group in running this successful and vibrant art community hub today. Full use is made of all the space in the original Butter Factory building for gallery exhibitions, local artisan's retail space, workshops and events.



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