



Approaches were made to both Caboolture Cooperative Co and the Wide Bay Cooperative Dairy Company for a butter factory to be established at Cooroy.

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

**October.** Foundation stone laid by Councillor James Duke.

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Caboolture and Wide Bay Cooperatives inspected the proposed factory sites.

**June.** 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.

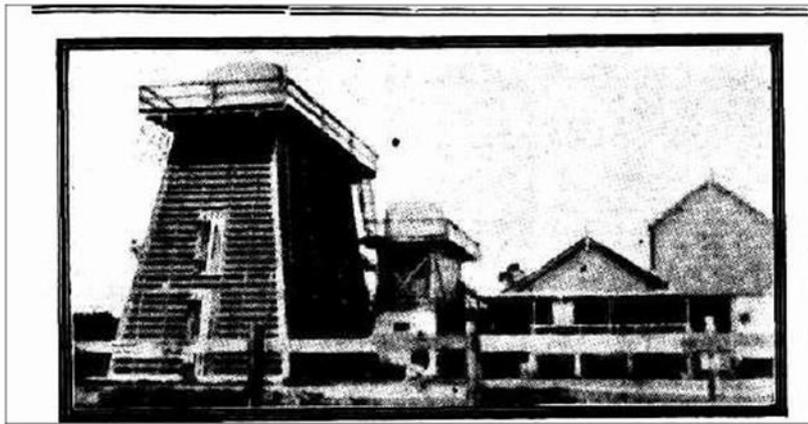
**February.** The Fenwick Bros. were contracted to complete the construction of the timber factory at a cost of £4,500. Messrs Waugh, Josephson and staff commenced plant installation.



COOROY BUTTER FACTORY.  
Mr. J. Duke, one of the oldest residents of the district, performing the opening ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone.



1915



The Cooroy Butter Factory.



**April.** 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.

**January.** 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.

**May.** 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.

**1930**

**April.** 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.

May 8.—Cooroy (Q.).—1. Supply and erection of butter factory building in brick; 1. Supply and delivery of machinery and equipment for the Wide Bay Co-operative Dairy Association, Ltd. Plans, etc., from Wide Bay Co-op. Dairy Association Ltd., Gympie, or from H. Hammar, Engineer, 246 George Street, Brisbane, £1/1/- each.



**June.** 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.

**November.** Butter Factory operations resumed in the newly completed building.

**1930**

**October.** Mr C Carlson of Kandanga was the successful tenderer for the purchase of removal of the old office buildings at a price of £32/10/.

**December.** Mr J McPherson was appointed engineer, replacing Mr W Smith.

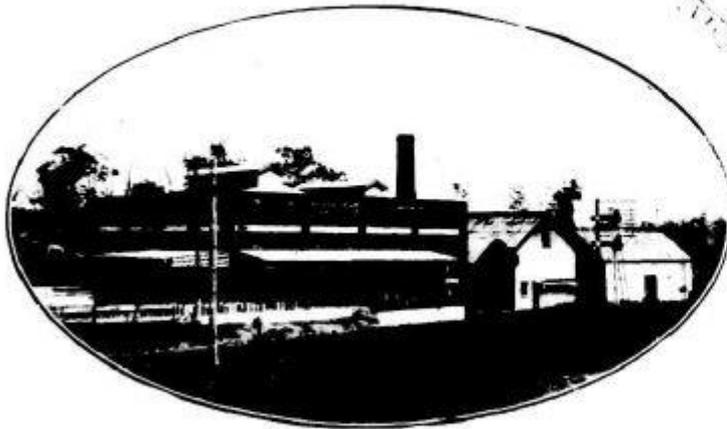
Cooroy Butter Factory was officially opened by the Minister for Railways, Mr Godfrey Morgan.  
Factory Manager - Mr F G Krebs.  
By 1931, there were 263 cream suppliers.



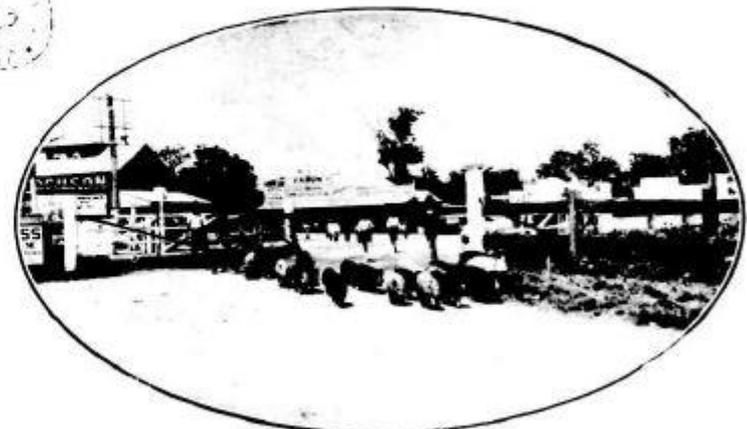
1931

THE QUEENSLANDER FOR DECEMBER 31, 1931.—(PAGE 26.)

THE COMMERCIAL SIDE OF COOROY.



THE COOROY BUTTER FACTORY IS A FLOURISHING CONCERN.



"THESE LITTLE PIGS WENT TO MARKET."

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

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

**December.** Tric Tracs Restaurant opens at the Butter Factory siding.



Advertisement for Tric Tracs restaurant, Cooroy Butter Factory siding. [Noosa News, 6 February 1987.]

1975

1976

1985

**January.** Cooroy Butter Factory advertised for sale.

**November.** 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.

Brian Jackson and Rob Rolfe opened 'Passengers: the rail restaurant'. A specialty of the restaurant was their Agatha Christie style 'Murder Evenings'.



1988



1991



1993



1994

First meeting of the group which was to become the "Friends of the Butter Factory"



**May.** Volunteers joined with Noosa Shire Council in the refurbishment of the Cooroy Butter Factory into new headquarters for local arts and crafts enthusiasts. Permaculture Noosa Group planted an edible garden at the Cooroy Butter Factory.



Noosa Shire Council purchased the Butter Factory and adjacent buildings for use as a community centre.



**March.** The Friends group becomes incorporated as The Cooroy Butter Factory Association Inc (CBFA)





# CHURN

Spring Edition

September, 1994

*A Quarterly Newsletter For The Cooroy Butter Factory Community Arts Centre  
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## OUR FIRST EDITION

This magazine aims to provide information about events and activities at the Butter Factory. Our name, CHURN has obvious links with butter making yet the analogy goes further. As the butter making machine works, so do those involved at the factory. To churn is also to stir, in a way, and the Butter Factory magazine hopes to stir you into participation. That which goes into a churn is altered and after participation in some of the marvellous workshops and activities you too will be changed. Our permaculture group and our focus on environmental issues hopes to stir us all into positive action and towards rewarding sustainability.



WORK BY STEPHEN SPURRIER

## INNOVATIVE EXPERIMENTAL PRINT MAKER PRESENTS WORKSHOPS ON SUNSHINE COAST

Stephen Spurrier has been an

## THE COOROY BUTTER FACTORY RUNS EXCITING CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

### Running on Rainbows

This is a program devised and developed by LIFE BE IN IT, presented by well known local artist Mo Riggs, to children aged 7 - 10. An introductory course commences at the Butter Factory on Saturday 13th August and will run every Saturday until 17th September.

The full 10 week program begins on the first Saturday after the holidays - the 8th October.

Excerpt from *Churn*, Quarterly Newsletter for the  
Cooroy Butter Factory Community Arts Centre  
September 1994

**January.** Opening of the Cooroy Butter Factory “Raising the Floor”. Official opening by Mayor Noel Playford.

**May.** Concrete foundations for ceramics building laid.

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

**1995**

**February.** 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

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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.



**1999**



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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.



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



September. Butter Factory reopens.





**TAFE Exhibition 2001**



TAFE does not renew Butter Factory lease. Cooroy Butter Factory Association continues to manage the building.

Final Contemporary Furniture Exhibition.

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

**February.** CBFA sign a 12 month licence to use the pottery and front gallery space in the Butter Factory.

Fire in the roof of pottery kilns.

2004

2005

2006

2007

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.

**February/March.** Major refurbishment works undertaken to the entrance and floor.

**April.** Creative Noosa takes over management of the building.



A4 RING BINDERS

Various workshops, exhibitions, meetings, classes and performances have been hosted in the Butter Factory during its long history and has become a well-loved community venue.



## Current



# Acknowledgements

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