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# Shopping in the Hills

THE HISTORY OF GENERAL STORES AND SUPERMARKETS IN THE MUNDARING HILLS

BACKGROUND: ITALIANO BROS, OF SAWYERS VALLEY, 1964

#### WELCOME

'Shopping in the Hills' interprets the history of shops and shopping in the Shire of Mundaring areas from Glen Forrest to Wooroloo.

Shopping in the hills dates back the 1880s/90s when the townships were first gazetted in the Mundaring Shire Region. Originally shops were located right next to the town's railway

station/siding. They were built in these places for easy freight of not locally-made products which came up the Eastern Railway from the city.

The original shops that were located in these towns stocked very little items, compared to the Supermarkets these days. These little shops would stock any thing from food to petrol at the front.

By the early 1970s, shopping in the Hills changed rapidly when the introduction of Mundaring's first neighbour supermarket opened at the newly built Mundaring Mall. This move brought many of the Shire's local general store to close there doors, because the introduction of Tom the Cheap took away business.

Many little general stores in the Shire followed in the suit of the Mundaring Tom the Cheap store, with the Maddison's Family opening up the Maddison's Shopping Centre featuring a Foodland Store and Nichol Street Deli opening up a bigger store in the newly built Nichol House. As well as the addition of Foodland to Glen Forrest and a Coles was added to Mundaring in 1995.

But this wasn't the end for some of the little general stores. Many of them upgraded their store to make it stock more items. You can still see many of operating in Parkerville, Stoneville, Wooroloo and Childhow.

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# GLEN FORREST SHOPPING CENTRE - IGA

In the 1930s a small weatherboard shop was built at the corner Great Eastern Highway and Hardey Road. The weatherboard shop was later destroyed by fire and a small brick building was made in its place. As the Glen Forrest Township grew, the shop grew with it and by the 1960s three small shops and a house at the rear existed.

In 1966 Arthur Williams and his wife took over the shops and ran the grocers from two buildings. A real estate agent took on the third shop.

After a couple of years the Williams' extended the premises, building two more shops at each

A boutique and hardware store were soon established. The Williams' then sold the existing shops to their children. Since then they have expanded the network and had the premises rebuilt. In 2008 the independent supermarket burnt down and was later replaced with an IGA.



# GLEN FORREST VILLAGE - 4 SQUARE

Ben Pittersen's timber grocery store in Railway Parade opened in 1896, and was replaced in 1920, by the brick building which forms the core of the present day Smiths Mill Restaurant. During his time at Smiths Mill, Ben was active in the community. Although there have been alterations to the store, both the original roof line and the former loading bay doors are discernible on the Railway Parade elevation. During the 1960s, it was a 4 Square Store and Newsagency. In the late 1970s, the land that once was home the Peters' Family tennis court was cleared for the construction of three kentucky log cabin style shops. Pittersen's Store became a bottle shop, which later became a restaurant when the bottle shop moved up the hill



#### MAHOGANY SUPERMARKET/KLUCK'S STORE

By 1970, the Nalgoo Inn was extended on to the left hand side and became the 'Kluck's Store'. The Inn continued to still do takeaways while operating now as a delicatessen. The store specialized in continental products, sliced meat and sliced cheeses as well as salted liquorice, exotic biscuits and French foods. By 1972 the store expanded to became a newsagent as well, selling stationary and magazines. During the 1980s the store became known as 'Mahogany Supermarket and News'. In 1974 the Mundaring Caravan Park was opened at the back of the store. By the late 90s and early 2000s, the Kluck's sold the newsagency and paper round and continued selling veggies



# STONEVILLE GENERAL STORE

In 1926, a post office and general store was first built at Stoneville, on the corner of Stoneville and Richardson Roads. The store continued to operate in its original location till the late 1980s when a new brick and iron store was built next to the store. This new store provided the community more supermarket items at cheap prices. In the late 1980s also brought a new era of shopping in Stoneville, when 4 Square Store opened a new store at the back of the original Stoneville General Store. Over the years the 4 Square Store has changed bands to Foodland and Lucky 7. Around 2008 the original Stoneville General Store closed down for the final time and the building was later renovated to accommodate a drive thru bottle shop. Today the 4

Square Store still operates as a supermarket called "Stoneville Fresh".



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## PARKERVILLE GENERAL STORE

Next to the Jane Brook on Seaborne Street is the Parkerville General Store which was established in the early 1900s by Nic Scherini. From 1914 until the 1980s the store was home to the local post office and in the 1920s the store was installed with a telebone exchange.

During the 1940s, 50s and 60s the Parkerville Store was under the ownership of the Becker Family. The store traded under the name C.L. Becker's Store and was an agent for many companies including Kadak Eing The family lived payed took to be care to the store on the large of the

Kodak Film. The family lived next door to the store which later became the Jane Brook Garden Restaurant.

In the 1980s Greg Sutherland was the owner of the store and decided to change the name to Sam Drucker's General Store because Greg and his friends loved the show Petiticoat Junction and Greenacres which featured fictional charter Sam Drucker whom operated the Drucker's Store in the shows. The store closed down for the first time in its history in 2018 and was later reopened as a lunch bar/deli called Parky Pistson.

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#### MUNDARING MALL - TOM THE CHEAP

The Mundaring Mall was built on the site of the J. Radford's & Associates Real Estate Office and Mundaring Hardware site in December 1972. It was the first neighbourhood shopping centre in the Shire of Mundaring. The reason why the Mall was developed, was because a former Peth Supermarket and Varity Chain, Tom the Cheap owned by former Mayor of Perth, Tom Wardle wanted to open a chain in the Shire of Mundaring. The Italiano's secured them and the centre was opened. With in a few months of opening, "Tom the Cheap" went bankrupt. The Italiano's later opened a Foodland Store in its spot. The supermarket as change to Supu Valu and later the Italiano's opened "HomeFresh". The Mundaring Mall was redeveloped in 2003/2004 due to a former Perth Supermarket Chain Action wanting a new store in the Hills, but needed a bigger space. Action was later bought out by Woolworths and IGA and the Mundaring Store became



## MUNDARING VILLAGE - COLES

Construction on Mundaring's second shopping centre started in the early 1990s after the Mundaring Primary School moved its operations to Stevens Street. In 1995 the Mundaring Village Shopping Centre opened with Mundaring's second supermarket Coles. Coles has always been the supermarket tenant in the complex. Originally when Coles opened the shop had a different layout, which included the delicatessen being located on the western side of the shop with a small cafeteria. Both of these operations were ran by the same workers. In 2002 Coles underwent a major refurbishment, which saw the supermarket expand it's shop into the former pet shop next door on the western side. During winter you can see where the shop was

#### New-look Coles set to open

store as soon as they walk



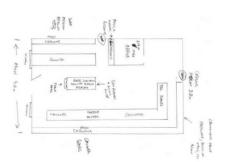
# WELLS STORE

The Wells Family owned the Wells" Store in Jacoby St, Mundaring. The store sold general items and opened in 1911. Ray took over running the store when his father, James Wells retired in 1937. Two years later the engine in the Painter's Iceworks next door set fire to the original wooden Wells' Store and totally destroyed the shop. The store was later rebuilt and Ray Wells ran it until 1958 when the business went bankrupt. The Wells Store had Mundaring 4 as the telephone, truck registration and Post Office box number. The store was later demolished and



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## WELLS STORE



# MILLAR'S & HART'S STORE

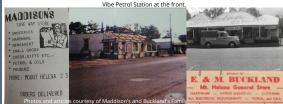
in the 1920s, W.D. Millar, the storekeeper at Sawyers Valley built a second store in Nichol Street Mundaring. The weatherboard and ir on building with a kerbside bowser and an oil rack under the veranda catered for motorists in the area. This store continued to operate out of the same weatherboard and iron shop till the early 1980s, when the store was demolished to make way for Nichol House. The shop did how ever reopen again in the newly built Nichol House. The other little shop was Hart's Store in Jacoby Street, built in around 1904 by Charles Durrant. The store was purchased in 1926 by a Zamla poultry farmer, H.R. Gordon-Hart who ran a

hairdressing and aerated water business from the shop. The business passed through several hands before being aquired by the Striblings in 1965. The store was later demolished when the trend of supermarkets and general stores moved away to the opposite side of the Highway.



# MADDISON'S SHOPPING CENTRE - FOODLAND

Three weatherboard and iron shops were built in around 1905 on Keane Street (now McVicar Place). The one in the middle was then Lion Mill's (Mount Helena's) General Store. Over the years the store has been run by The Chester's before 1921, Mr & Mrs Adams in the 1920s and 30s, Mr & Mrs Stump in the 1940s, Mr & Mrs McCormack in the 1950s, Mr Lysaght in 1955 and Mr & Mrs Buckland from 1958 - 1969, who then started a Saveways Store. In 1969 Mr Maddison took over the shop and continued to operate It in the same store as Maddison's Saveway, In il 1970s the Maddison's Demolished the 1905 weatherboard shop and replaced It with a new brick shop which still exists today. Over the years the shopping centre has been added on to to incorporate Ken's Tender Joint, Foodland and a hardware store. Today the shop has undergone a major renovation which saw the separation of the Hardware store, a new IGA X-Press with a



# SAWYERS VALLEY GROWERS MARKET

In the early-mid 1960's, was when the first Sawyers Valley Growers Market opened under the name of "Italiano Bros. Fruit and Vegetable Market". The shop over the years continued to operate as a fruit and veg market and general store. The Italiano's later joined the Saveway, a former local store chain. In the mid 1970s Mike Marissen opened a Foodland Store near the Growers Market. In 2002 a tornado that ripped through Sawyers Valley and Mount Helena destroyed the shopping centre. The Growers Market continued to operate till around 2016 when it closed for the final time. In early 2021 an op shop opened in its place marking an end of an era for the Growers Mart.



# CHIDLOW GROWERS MART - FOODLAND

The Chidlow Growers Mart Building was built in the late 1960s/early 1970s as a gemstone workshop and shop. Henry also sold petrol from the front of the shop in the little granite hut. It was converted into a general store/deli style shop by 1980, but Henry was still doing gemstones in the addition of the shop next door.



# SHOPPING TODAY IN THE HILLS

In April 2015, German Supermarket Chain Aldi announced that one of the first WA stores to be built will be in Mundaring, before the nearby suburbs of Kalamunda and Midland. In 2016 Aldi opened its doors to Mundaring. At the moment Woolworths and the Mundaring Mall is undergoing renovation, which will see a bigger store bosting with a new bakery and fruit and vegetable section as well more item stocked on more shelves. The new and improved Woolworths is expected to open later this year.



# MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED!

There are still many shops that histories have be missed out in this exhibition due to lack of information.

Do you know much about the history of the following:

- Begonia General Store

- Mahogany Creek Store

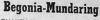
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