An image of Fitzmaurice Street from the Tom Lennon Collection (RW1574).

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The CSU Regional Archives does not hold any photographs of Fitzmaurice Street in the 1940s, and it would be appreciated if anyone who has images could contact us and allow us to scan the photographs with the original being returned immediately.

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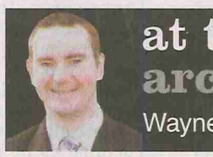
Along Fitzmaurice



at the archives

Wayne Doubleday

The first article in this current series recognised some of the Baylis Street businesses which were in *The Daily Advertiser's* list of "Who's Who in Wagga Wagga" deserving of patronage during World War II.

The list was part of the government's campaign "Business as Usual" and was supported by the Prime Minister Robert Menzies in his appeal on September 5, 1939.

Some of the Fitzmaurice Street businesses on the same list included the following:

Anstice and Mackay's, Store for Men. Mercery and clothing, boots and tailoring. Noted for its hats.

IN 1919, when Mr WW Anstice and Mr J Mackay returned from World War I, they opened their business to supply the Wagga community with the latest styles giving detail to customer service.

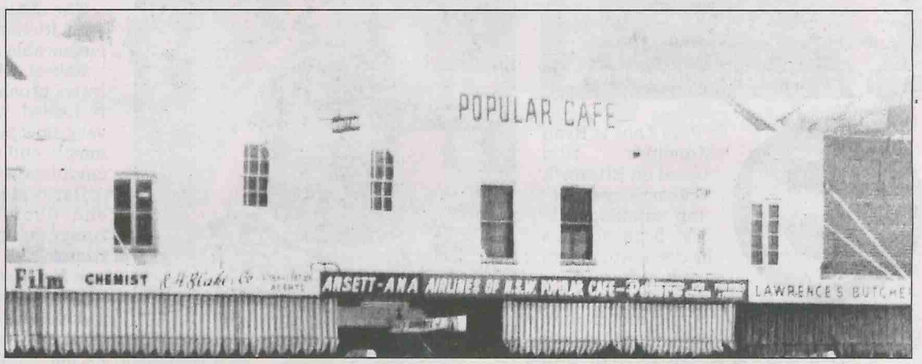
In 1922, a branch was opened in Sydney and was managed by Mr Mackay.

Mr Anstice contributed to Wagga's progress and was always interested in the welfare of the town. High standard and quality determined the prices.

Bance's Cycle Store
WJ and RJ Bance principals.

BANCE Brothers were cycle specialists having supplied and serviced cycles from circa 1917.

Their agency at 27 Fitzmaurice Street was renowned for bicycles and motorcycles. The optimum of all bicycles in 1941 was Malvern Star, which was credited with many world records. Bance's was in the position to assist all young enthusiasts, because much of the staff's time was devoted to the study of cycles and cycling. They liked people to remember, "you are never too old or too young to ride a bike".



An images of Fitzmaurice Street from the Tom Lennon Collection showing the Popular Cafe.

CD Cooper – Grocer and ironmonger

SITUATED at 154 Fitzmaurice Street, CD Cooper – Grocer and Ironmonger was established circa 1923.

Instead of cutting his prices for local housewives, he aimed at providing the highest quality and his stock included a comprehensive range of grocery and ironmongery from leading Australian manufacturers.

A delivery service was made available for the convenience of his customers.

Mr Cooper served with the AIF in the Great War and was popularly known as "Digger Grocer".

He was also an avid supporter of any movement for the advancement of Wagga.

The Pastoral Hotel
Leonard Lavery, Proprietor,

THIS Fitzmaurice Street hotel was a family-operated business, with Mr Lavery assisted by his wife and three daughters.

The first stock sales in Wagga were held at the rear of this historical hotel and it became the meeting place of stock buyers, farmers and horse racing patrons.

It was claimed that the Pastoral had more accommodation for horses and motor cars than any other hotel in Wagga.

The "Welcome" doormat created an inviting atmosphere.

Popular Cafe: Psaltis Bros and Co

POPULAR Cafe at 94 Fitzmaurice Street began business circa 1921, with Mr Spiros Psaltis as manager. He quickly established a reputation for friendliness, cleanliness and service, which was enjoyed by a large clientele.

The cafe was modern and served light refreshments, grills, fish, oysters, lobsters as well as three-course meals. There was a milk bar and confectionery section. Mr Psaltis was a "loyal member of the community and a highly respected citizen".

Purcell and Berrigan Pty Ltd
Leading footwear specialists

THIS Fitzmaurice Street firm was established by Mr J Purcell and Mr HL Berrigan in circa 1921, with the express purpose of providing stylish, but correct fitting footwear for adults as well to children.

They also sold suitcases, school cases, and sole leather and had a special shoe repairing department. Many years of specialising taught them that most foot problems were caused by ill-fitting shoes. They felt that the best form of advertising was through their satisfied customers.

References: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, September 8, 1939; *The Daily Advertiser*, March 24, 1941.

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