



***Theo Gianoufi's Cafe, Emerald, ca. 1945***  
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Theo Gianoufi was part of the extended Comino family that operated shops throughout Central Queensland. Like many Greek cafes, the shop in Emerald was a palace of confectionery



***George and James Andronicus in the Golden Gate Cafe, Elderslie Street, date unknown***  
**Photographer unknown**

Courtesy, Katie Andronicus

Portraits of George V and Queen Mary assured Andronicus Bros' customers that their Golden Gate Cafe in Winton was 'all British'. James Andronicus owned a macaw, seen here perched on the birdcage near his feet



***Astoria Cafe, Barcaldine, 1989***

**Helen Cole**

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The Bellas family once owned the Astoria Cafe in Barcaldine. Later, Jim Bellas had the Star Cafe in King George Square, where his efforts in helping the influx of post-war migrants find jobs and accommodation earned him the Queensland Migrant Service Award



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**General dining room of the Central Cafe, owned by the Logos brothers, Blackall, ca. 1930**

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Mick (Minas) and Nick Logothetis bought into Comino's Central Cafe in Blackall in 1920. Twenty-five years later they sold it to the Vernados family. In the 1950s, when Australia was riding on the sheep's back, cafes like this one flourished in western towns



**The Comino brothers in their Cafe in Emerald, 1940**

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The Comino family's shop in Emerald had bar stools at the milk bar, a feature borrowed from the American drugstore



**Comino Brothers Central Cafe & American Bar, Longreach, 1935**

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The Comino 'brand' was widely used but the family at Comino Bros Central Cafe and American Bar in Longreach really were Cominos. If that brand emblazoned across the façade didn't do the trick, American references also served to promote the Greek cafe 'brand'



**Sotiris Cominos and staff, Longreach, 1923**

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Sotiris Cominos (rear) migrated in 1909. After starting out in Blackall, he took over premises in Longreach in 1913 that had earlier housed Anthony Mavromatis's Athens Oyster Saloon. The shop burned down in 1915 and was rebuilt. Theo Gianoufi (right) later worked in the Comino shop in Emerald



**Golden Gate Cafe, Longreach, 1989**

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Some cafes in country towns operated for decades after city cafes closed. Television came much later to outlying regions like Longreach, which meant cafes still benefitted from the popularity of picture theatres