



**Elite Cafe Milk Bar, ca.1970s**

Photographer unknown

Courtesy, Goldie Lathouras

Milk bars were the great gathering places in country towns like Bundaberg for much of the twentieth century. In the 1970s/1980s the Lathouras family had the Elite Milk Bar next door to where they had for decades run the Elite Cafe

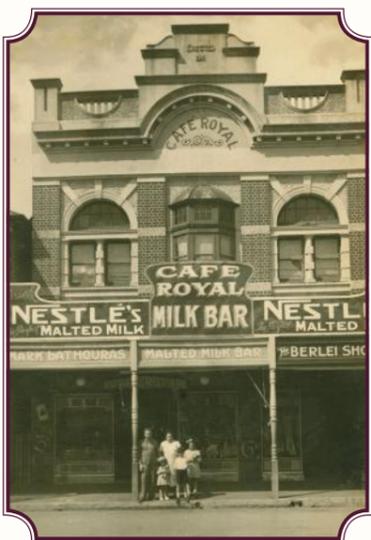


**Theo, John and Mark Lathouras with local waitresses behind the counter of the Elite Cafe, Bundaberg, ca. 1973**

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Courtesy, John Lathouras

The Lathouras family provided a changing room for staff. The 'girls' wore a white cap trimmed with red and white stripe rickrack and had the words Elite Cafe embroidered in red across the front



**Cafe Royal, Bourbong Street, Bundaberg, date unknown**

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The Cafe Royal in Bundaberg was one of two Lathouras cafes in Bourbong Street. Nearby, the Londy family had the Blue Bird Cafe and Harry Lewis had the Marble Cafe



**Lathouras family and friends in front of the Cafe Royal, Bundaberg, ca. 1950**

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Greek families supported each other. They travelled from nearby towns to help in the shop when local shows were held, and they gathered for weddings, christenings and picnics



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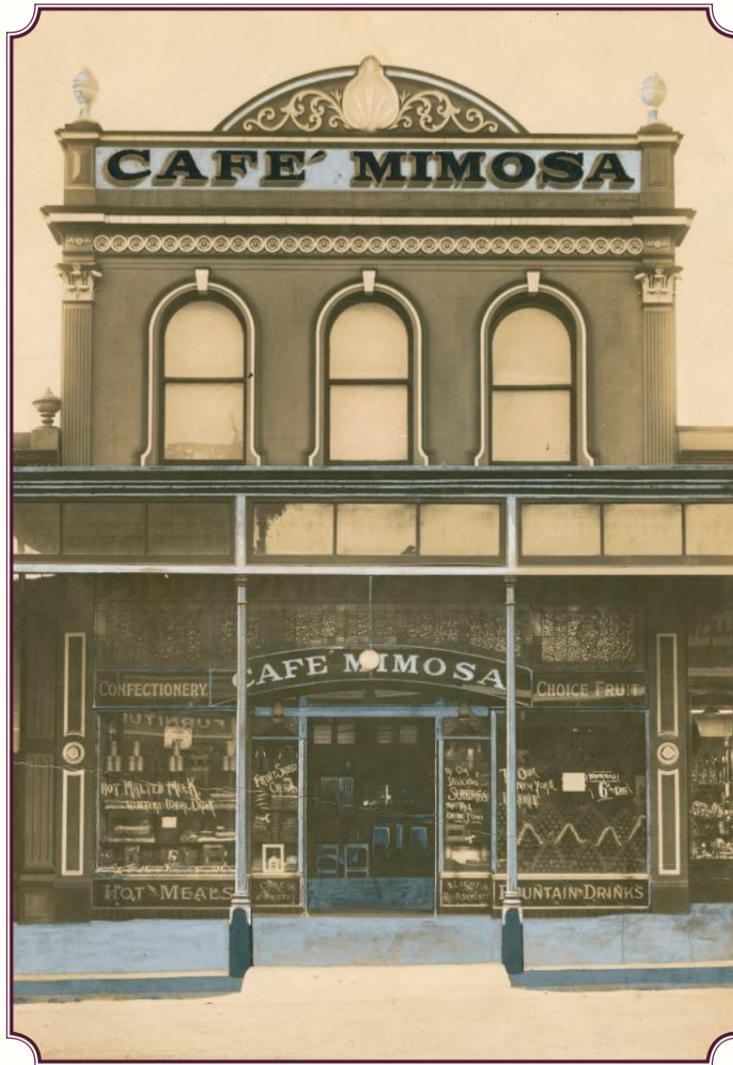
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Wide Bay





**Cafe Mimosa, Kent Street, Maryborough, date unknown**

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Courtesy, Katie Andronicus

Brothers James and George Andronicus opened the Cafe Mimosa in Maryborough in 1923 after running the Golden Gate Cafe in Winton



**The upstairs area of the Cafe Mimosa, decorated for a wedding breakfast, date unknown**

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Courtesy, Katie Andronicus

The Cafe Mimosa in Maryborough was a favourite venue for local weddings. With starched cloths, silver tableware, etched wine glasses and Carnival Glass bowls, proprietors strove to provide the kind of elegance a city bride might enjoy



**Cafe Mimosa with verandah, date unknown**

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Courtesy, Katie Andronicus

In later years a timber verandah was added to the façade of the Cafe Mimosa in Kent Street Maryborough



**Katie Andronicus with sister and mother Cafe Mimosa, Maryborough, c1940s**

Photographer unknown  
Courtesy, Katie Andronicus

An extensive lolly counter, a milk bar stocked with ice cream, and soda 'on tap' meant cafe children like Mary, Katie and Ada Andronicus, of the Cafe Mimosa, enjoyed a different kind of childhood



**Goldie Lathouras, Pauline Lathouras and Aphrodite Lathouras, ca. 1970**

Photographer unknown  
Courtesy of John Lathouras

It was the Italians who first appreciated espresso. When espresso machines became popular in the mid-1950s many Greek cafes served instant coffee made on frothed milk. In later decades proprietors fully exploited the technology, and the Elite Cafe proudly offered freshly ground coffee