

OTHER REMINISCENCES

Joyce:

Thursday nights after lessons at Richard John's Ballroom Dancing Studio, we called at the Monterey Milk Bar for a milkshake and a chatter.

Saturday nights at the Savoy and Crown Theatres had to be pre-booked for the Lounge and Upper Circle. The boys usually bought Winning Post chocolates at

interval for their girlfriends from the nearest Milk Bar or the Kiosk inside the foyer of the theatre, depending on which was the quickest to be served.

After seeing the "Pictures" or attending a dance, tea and crumpets or toast was enjoyed at the Capital Milk Bar before walking home. Of course if one lived a long distance from Wollongong, there was always a mad scramble immediately after the Pictures to catch a bus home.

Bob:

Cosy Corner Café on the corner of Victoria and Keira Streets was very small. It sold greasy Hamburgers and the best milkshakes in Australia.

Peter:

Motor bike boys and youths with MG sports cars and Austin Healeys met at the Cosy Corner Café on Saturday nights, had a milkshake then rode to Stanwell Tops. On meeting back at Cosy Corner they hoped, perhaps, to meet up with some girls.

Helen:

As a young teenager in the 1950s I remember going to Elvis movies and it was impossible to hear because whenever Elvis appeared on the screen everyone would start screaming – it was like a live concert. My children can't believe that we behaved like this in a movie theatre.

During interval the cafés were packed, so we would buy a chocolate coated ice-cream cone. They were prepared just before interval & lined up on the counter for quick sale.

In the early 1960s I started work as an office junior. There were four other girls working there, and after work each evening we would go to a café for afternoon tea. Unfortunately the other girls smoked so I had my first cigarette in a café. Being nice girls we always sat in the centre of the café – oldies and children sat in the front and the "rough" people sat up the back.