



SCENARIO

Yeronga welcomes Café Scenario - a new opening on Hyde Road

Peace, quiet and a community feel are the main reasons Hans Kim who is originally from Korea, migrated north from Sydney to Yeronga to open Café Scenario on Hyde Road in November 2020.

With a menu that blends Korean and Australian influences and includes kimchi, bacon and egg rolls, creamy pastas and other tasty morsels, Café Scenario also offers coffee and is licensed for drinks in the afternoon and early evening.

Hans opened the licensed venue with his brother Hyunsung after owning a similar venue of the same name in Sydney for the past four years.

"I like the vibe of Yeronga, it is very quiet and chilled and has lots of outdoor space to enjoy with my dog," he said. Hans said he picked the busy and well-known Hyde Road location because he wanted to contribute to what is already a bustling local community hub.

"When I discovered that there was room in this location, I was so glad for the opportunity to open a business in this kind of space," he said.

"With Scenario I wanted to fill a gap in Yeronga by offering different types of great food, but also coffee and a drinks and complementing the other venues in the area."

Hans says his new café is the embodiment of his passion for creating your own unique path in life.

"There are many possible scenarios for your life and I wanted to make my own scenario for my life, which is why I have opened this new business."



Café Scenario

1/92 Hyde Road, Yeronga

Opening hours

Sunday and Monday, 6am-2.30pm

Tuesday to Saturday, 6am – 6pm

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History of Yeronga

Part 4

Dr. Michael Macklin

One of the early crops planted in the farming areas of Yeronga was sugar. Interestingly, Fox's History of Queensland published in 1919 makes the claim that Yeronga was part of the first district where sugar was grown in Queensland.

"...Dr. Hobbs, afterwards M.L.C., said, before a committee of immigration: A man who had been some time in Jamaica came out in the same ship with me to start a sugar company in Queensland. After waiting some months, he got a piece of land surveyed, and, though it was covered with dense scrub, the Government fixed 30s. to 40s. per acre, as the price. That was the locality now known as 'Boggo' on the border of South Brisbane, certainly a remarkable spot on which to start a sugar plantation."

Sugar crops continued for some years but was gradually superseded by arrowroot due mainly to the efforts of the Grimes family. In 1857 George Grimes started to grow arrowroot on one of his farms called 'Fairfield' (which later gave its name to the suburb). George and Samuel Grimes owned a further three farms in the Yeronga/Yeerongpilly/Tennyson area. They eventually purchased the Pearl Mill Central Sugar Factory in Tennyson and change from crushing sugar to the manufacture of finished arrowroot.

The factory, opened in 1866, was managed by John Buhot who made history by producing the first cane sugar ever granulated in Queensland in the Botanical Gardens about midnight on 25th April 1862. Buhot crushed some of the canes then growing in the Gardens with a lever and boiled the juice in a saucepan with only Walter Hill, the Garden's curator, in attendance. No one else was allowed to witness the experiment aimed at finding out whether the juice of Queensland-grown cane would granulate. Just why it was thought that it might not has, unfortunately, not been recorded. However, once the information that granulation was possible became public, it prompted an increase in sugar cane planting in various Brisbane areas.

Yeronga farmers had to struggle with the low-lying nature of much of this area which regularly flooded – something well known to the local indigenous groups. Problems became acute when in 1863 the first major flood impacted on the newly developing agricultural crops. A number of floods had previously been recorded by Europeans – the first major one in 1836 which was followed by one in 1841 that seems to have been even higher than the massive one in 1893. Others followed in 1844, 1845, 1852 and 1857. After the 1863 flood, there was another the following year and then a break until 1887 when another series came in 1890, 1892, 1893, 1898 and 1908. These floods created a growing realization that the problems of farming in Yeronga were not going away and this, in turn, impacted on the rate and type of development in the area.

Strangely enough, the far away eruption of Krakatoa on the Indonesian island of Java in August 1883 had a significant impact on Brisbane weather for a number of years and certainly had some influence on the movement from farming to closer settlement. The initial earthquake was felt particularly in the south of Brisbane with the Stephens area reported as shaking violently. The Central Queensland Herald looking back at their records of this event wrote:

"The following extracts from our columns of August, 1883 shows that early on the morning of the 29th of that month two shocks of earthquake were felt in Rockhampton and in various other parts of Queensland... Our Brisbane telegrams in reference to the earthquake are to the following effect — "The earthquake was felt rather severely in some parts of Brisbane at three o'clock this morning. It lasted about half-a-minute. It was preceded by a low rumbling sound. The vibration was very considerable in some localities, especially at South Brisbane, where the furniture swayed about violently. In one case a child was thrown out of bed."

To be continued.



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Market Update

It's been a big year & Christmas is here!

2020 started out for many with it is going to be the "best year ever." We were full of hopes and dreams, everything was indicating these would all come true.....and then everything changed.

As a business owner and a parent, I can say there was a roller coaster of emotions and I prepared for the worst. It's not a nice feeling and a lot of this stress you keep to yourself as you have to keep your staff positive, but you also have to focus on continuing to push the market forward, people still need to sell, rent and buy, people depend on you. Fortunately, I am one of those people that if you throw me a challenge, I kick in harder. I hate to lose and there was no way I was going to go down without a fight. I lost my previous business in the 2011 floods, there was no way it was going to happen again!

For me I believe that fight is what kicked my career into another gear. The last couple of years I have felt my presence in Yeronga in particular has not been at the same level, and a lot more of my business has been in the Annerley area (which don't get me wrong is great!). But as a staunch local, that lives, breathes and believes so much in our much-loved pocket that was something I found hard to accept. Facing the COVID-19 challenge for me meant getting my presence back out there, on social media, on video, going back to basics and making my "home" my business again.

I really attribute much of my renewed presence to some wonderful local Yeronga sellers that put their absolute trust in me and helped get my momentum back again. This year my hashtag has been #2020theyearofthewonderfultient. I can not tell you how much the local support has meant to me and it was this support that drove me each day to get up and work harder than ever so that we all got through this. 2020 for me was the year I needed to get back to where it all started and that is in my beloved Yeronga/Fairfield pocket. Being a local Yeronga-ite I know the suburb like no other, I have experienced everything

Living made easier for Yeronga downsizers

Life changed for Margaret and Gerard Smith this year, with the couple joining the growing group of Australians known as "downsizers" after they sold their family home and moved to a three-bedroom unit.

Along with the Federal Government's downsizing incentive which allows retirees to contribute the proceeds of selling their family home into their superannuation, Margaret said the size and maintenance required on their four-bedroom, double storey home helped them decide to take the plunge.

"With the future maintenance required on a house, including a yard to look after, as well as stairs to navigate as we grow older, our unit is much more suited to our lifestyle now our children have grown up," Margaret said.

"We had always considered downsizing and thought we would look at putting our house for sale in 2022," she said.

But then COVID-19 hit and their international travel plans were put on hold so they decided to start the process earlier.

Their first step was contacting Jane Elvin to talk through their options and start looking at properties, eventually deciding on a three-bedroom unit just 1.5km away from their family home.

"We thoroughly recommend it to anyone else considering downsizing," Margaret said.

"Our advice would be to talk to agents, know your market and do your homework so you are aware of all the hidden costs associated with downsizing- things like stamp duty and legal fees and ensure you have a buffer for that," she said.



from day care, to kindy, to local schools - there is not too much I don't know and that is one of the reasons for my success in the industry - my passion for where I live and what I sell.

In the midst of a year that was full of uncertainty I have had my best year ever and that's because of you. We have our best sales team ever in the office, all kicking goals and all amazing human beings that share my values.

This year has been the year of the downsizer - moving way ahead of their time as they are no longer working in the office five days. It has been the year of change and that change has been geared around lifestyle. It has been a year that we have seen more stock than ever in the Yeronga / Fairfield pocket - but this will not last, this is a rarity and as a buyer you would be complacent to ignore this opportunity. 2020 has been the year many have reset their lives, including me.

From the bottom of my heart, on behalf of not only myself but my entire team at LJ Hooker Annerley / Yeronga / Salisbury I would like to thank you for your support, whether that be from entrusting us with a sale or managing a property, or from the calls and messages of support - that has really been what has kept me going and driven me. So many people have invited me into their homes and into their hearts in a year that I like many others needed it more.

From our family to yours - Merry Christmas, thank you for the year that was and we wish you all the best for 2021.

Live, Love, Local

JOHN WALKER PLACE

A fitting Yeronga tribute to an exceptional community member

John Walker was a man involved in his community. Whether it be helping people who needed it, volunteering for community organisations, or looking after his local gardens and parks, he was always there to help.

Which is why his daughter Narelle Cooley found it so easy to garner the support of the Yeronga community for a petition she submitted to Brisbane City Council to give her late father his own piece of Yeronga paradise.

Unveiled on what would have been John's 83rd birthday on the 13th of September 2020, John Walker Place, which is located on the Brisbane Corso near the Somerville House Boat Sheds and across the road from the Yeronga AFL club, is a fitting tribute to his contribution to the area.

"It wasn't hard to collect more than 500 signatures from people within the community in support of John Walker Place," Narelle said.

"People in the area knew him. He was always out doing something- cleaning gutters, watering trees, talking to people, walking around the area."

John Walker lived in Yeronga for more than 50 years and was dedicated to building the community and making it a great place for everyone to live in and enjoy.

A pharmacist, husband to his wife Rae, father to daughters Narelle, Cathy and Jenny and a grandfather to seven grandchildren; John was also a member of the Annerley Baptist Church and he volunteered extensively within the Yeronga community.

"He was involved in so many community organisations including the Neighbourhood Watch, Yeronga Hyde Road Kindergarten, Yeronga State School and the Yeronga High School, as well as the Yeronga Men's Shed and the Yeronga Probud Club," she said.



"During the 1974 floods my dad helped people around the flooded Brisbane Corso by using his little speedboat to move their furniture to higher ground and more recently he joined the Mud Army and helped people clean up after the 2011 floods."

John was also a member of the Queensland Museum, National Parks Association of Queensland and Queensland Royal Geographic Society.



Twenty-seven years is a long time to stay in the same workplace, but as Yeronga Hyde Road Kindergarten director Helen Knaggs said, there was never any reason to leave.

Helen will retire at the end of this year having been the director of the Yeronga Hyde Road Kindergarten since 1993. She has worked in early education for 34 years.

"What's kept me here has been my love of the children, the really welcoming Yeronga community and the fantastic staff that we've always had," she said.

Throughout her time at Yeronga Hyde Road Kindergarten she has made lifelong connections with the families in the area.

"Yeronga is a special area and I think we have built a great relationship between the kindergarten and the community and everyone understands that we will do our absolute best for all the children we have here, we've built that feeling of trust with our families," she said.



HYDE ROAD KINDY

Long-term community leader retires. Good bye Helen Knaggs

Helen's team includes mostly long-term staff and she said they have built their own community from within, focussing on team work and making sure everyone within the kindergarten feels like

they make a significant contribution.

While Yeronga had changed and evolved significantly over the years, particularly following the floods in 2011, Helen said the children and their needs had mostly stayed the same.

"Despite all that has happened in Yeronga it has still remained a special place to be," she said.

"What we have found wonderful is that especially after this year which has been challenging with lockdown and most of the children at home throughout term two, by the end of the year the children are still where they should be in terms of being ready for school."

She attributed this to the parents and their support.

"Our parents have done such a great job at home, supporting their children's learning."

Helen's plan for retirement is to spend more time with her own family of three children and eight grandchildren.