

# Historic Cameo Samples - Business

1950

1950 1959

1959 1997

1997 2007

2007

Historic Cameo  
The Nucifora Family



Frank, Egidia, Charlie, Guiseppi  
and Sam Nucifora c.1954

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Daniel Sinclair Cormack

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Hollingsworth Motors



Bill and Lorraine Hollingsworth

Historic Cameo  
Oar & Horan Dentists



In 1950 Guiseppi Nucifora came to Australia and the following year he brought out his wife, Egidia, and their three young sons, Salvatore (Sam), Francesco (Frank) and Carmelo (Charlie), and in no time settled into the Australian way of life. Egidia sent her three sons to separate schools so they would learn the language and assimilate at a faster rate. All three boys worked on various cane farms before going into business. In February 1959 they acquired their first business, a drycleaners known as Delta Cleaners and four years later expanded into an industrial laundry, services covering an area from Townsville to Bowen. In the 1960s Sam married Lena, Frank married Gae and Charlie married Jeanette and together with their seven children all working at sometime or other for the family business. 1970 saw the purchase of a mango farm in Gumlu and then in 1980 Burdekin Bowl was born. In 1984 purchasing the first blocks at the industrial estate saw the start of QMN Manufacturing, followed by Nu-Tek Engineering in 1992. Several members of the next generation are now starting to take over and continuing the work started by their fathers.

Daniel Sinclair Cormack was born in Scotland and immigrated to Australia along with his parents in the early 1920s. The family established a sugar cane farm in the Airdmillan area. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the Air Force and served as a navigator in the South East Asia region. After the war he studied accountancy. In 1950, along with his wife, Ailsa, who was also an accountant, they established a public accountancy practice known as Cormack & Company. From that modest beginning, the business flourished. Dan remained in the role of managing partner until his retirement in 1990. The practice continues to serve the public and still bears his name. He took pride in the fact that many of the businesses which now form an integral and prominent part of the Burdekin business community were clients he had helped start and then nurtured to their present level of success. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he also freely donated his time assisting numerous local community and sporting organisations.

Arthur Hollingsworth arrived in the Burdekin in 1920 and commenced work as a farmhand. Arthur married Theresa Milburn and raised three children, Arthur, Marj and Bill. Bill commenced his mechanical apprenticeship at Burdekin Engineering where he worked with and later married Lorraine Cullinane in 1952. Bill and Lorraine had five children, Jan, Glen, Lorraine, Maree and Vincent. In 1960 they started a mechanical repair business W.J. & L.M. Hollingsworth at the present site of 79 Edward Street, Ayr. All children at some stage worked at the family business with Glen and Vincent becoming motor mechanics. After Lorraine's passing in 1987, the business changed its name to Hollingsworth Motors and was later bought by Glen and wife, Cecilia. Their four children, Julie, Katie, David and Matthew, have also all worked in the business. David was the next generation of Hollingsworth's to complete a mechanical apprenticeship with all three generations of tradesmen working together for a period. Hollingsworth Motors are very proud of their tradition of excellent service and repairs and currently employ 14 staff.

In 2007, two former Burdekin Catholic High School students formed Ayr's newest dental partnership. Dr Ramon Oar and Dr Todd Horan together established Oar and Horan Dentists, located at 140 Queen Street, Ayr. The premises has housed a dental surgery since 1992 with the first practice being established by Dr John Pulvirenti and Dr Daryl Holmes. The building has a long history of medical care with both Felix Behan Pharmacy and Dennis Joyce Pharmacy utilizing the premises. Both honour students from the University of Queensland, Ramon graduated in 1993 and Todd graduated in 2002 and both returned to the district to commence their professional careers. The practice is committed to providing quality family dental treatment in a caring environment with a focus on preventive and restorative dentistry. In addition to the two dentists, the practice includes a Dental Hygienist, Rebecca Horan; Dental Receptionist, Mary Hartwell and Dental Assistants Natalie Arboit, Madelyn Oats, Fiona Stenning and Kirsty Swindley.



Sam, Charlie and Frank Nucifora at Delta Cleaners and Laundry c.1993



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Bill, Glen and David Hollingsworth



Standing: Mary Hartwell, Ramon Oar, Todd Horan, Rebecca Horan. Seated: Natalie Arboit, Madelyn Oats, Fiona Stenning