ABBOTT'S

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 19' south by Longitude 118° 23' east.[1] Roughly twenty five kilometres north of the present town of Meekatharra.

INDUSTRY = Gold mining. One of the early mines was the *Black Iguana*.[2]

HISTORY = It was declared a town site in 1900. It is named in honour of a prospector, Mr Vincent ABBOTT, who in 1893 changed his name from Vincent VRAUIZAN.[3]

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL? = The opening of Mason Bros new hotel occurred in about October 1895.[4]

ABROLHOS ISLANDS

LOCATION =

INDUSTRY = Phosphate.

HISTORY = In 1884 Charles Edward BROADHURST was amongst the first to procure a lease to mine phosphate [guano] on the islands. He employed a surveyor and erected considerable plant and engaged forty Malays in permanent work. In 1890 the business was handed over to his oldest son Florence.[5]

AJANA

LOCATION = The Railway station was located at Latitude 27˚ 57.1' south by Longitude 114˚ 38.3' east. [6]

INDUSTRY = Cropping.

HISTORY = The name of the town was derived from the Aboriginal word Ngajana and the site was gazetted on the 26th of November 1915.[7]

UTILITIES = The railway dam was constructed in 1913 to supply water for the steam trains. [8]

EDUCATION = The school was established by 1944. [9]

TEACHERS

CHAPMAN, Myrtle [Miss]
CLARKE, G [Mrs]
COADY, [Miss]
DUNNE, Coral [Miss]
PEDEN, Jessie [Miss]
TEAKLE, Rita [Miss]
WILSON, Mavis [Miss]

POSTAL, TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE SERVICES = A telegraph office was established at the nearby Mount View in 1845. It became an unpaid receiver of mail in 1918 and was made an Allowance Post Office in 1922. There was a manual telephone exchange for Ajana.[10]

TRANSPORT SERVICES = In 1912 a railway line between Northampton and Ajana was proposed. It was opened on the 6th of January 1913 and used until 1957. [11] The siding itself was at the 66 miles 31 chain mark of the line. [12]

OTHER BUSINESSES

GENERAL STORE - There was a general store, which later became a private home. [13]

HALL = A hall was built at Ajana. An additional room built onto the hall in 1938, which was used as the CWA meeting room and library.[14]

AMPHION RAILWAY SIDING

LOCATION = About Latitude 32˚ 45.6' by about Longitude 116˚ 11.7' Longitude. At the 79 mile 13 chain mark of the Pinjarra - Dwellingup - Narrogin State railway line.[15]

AMPHION TIMBER MILL

HISTORY = Constructed by the Public Works Department in about 1913. [16]

ANACONDA

LOCATION = Latitude 28˚ 57.8" Longitude 121˚ 46.2".[17] About midway between the abandoned towns of Murrin Murrin and Malcolm.

INDUSTRY = Copper mining. By 1903 the town was relying mostly for support on the Murrin Copper Mines, Ltd, formerly known as *Ananconda*.[18]

DESCRIPTION = In 1903 there were about sixty four residential sites surveyed and the population was about 350, including 30 females and 12 children.[19]

UTILITIES = In 1903 water was purchased from a well.[20]

ADMINISTRATION = By 1903 there was a seven member progress committee.[21]

POLICE & COURTS = In July 1903 the Commissioner of Police agreed to temporarily station Constable MULKERIN from Mertondale as officer in charge, plus another Constable to Anaconda until the Malcolm to Mount Morgan railway line reached Mount Morgan. MULKERIN appears to have been permanently transferred in about September 1903 [22] and the books and camp furniture from Mertondale were shortly after to be transferred to Anaconda when the railway station opened. The station was on the corner of Greenham and Allen Streets and was closed in February 1905. The camp furniture moved onto the new station at Murrin Murrin.[23]

POSTAL & TELEGRAPH SERVICES = In 1903 there was a mail receiver, but no telegraph services.[24]

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION = By 1903 there were 2 hotels.[25]

OTHER BUSINESSES - By 1903 there 2 stores, plus a chemist, a newsagent and a fruitier.[26]

ARGYLE POLICE STATION

LOCATION = Wild Dog Swamp/Spring near Argyle Station.[27] Close to the Northern Territory border. [28]

HISTORY - The original company of three Constables and four Aboriginal trackers, horses, stores and equipment arrived at Argyle cattle station on the 22nd of March 1896. [29] The Argyle Police detachment was transferred to the new Turkey Creek Police Station. [30]

POLICE OFFICERS

FREEMAN, Arthur = English born, succeeded INGLIS as Officer in Charge in July 1896. Rose to the rank of Corporal by the end of his time at Argyle.[31]

INGLIS, John = Transferred from Fletcher Creek Camp, where he was Officer in Charge to be Officer in Charge at Argyle. Resigned in July 1896. He rejoined the Police in 1899. [32]

RHATIGAN, Mick = Twenty eight year old Irishman sent to Argyle in 1896. In July 1897 he took work as a lineman. [33]

THOMPSON, James Campbell = Born in South Africa. Spent four years at Argyle. [34]

POLICE TRACKERS

BILLY = Northern Territory man who became a tracker at Argyle. Walked out.[35]

CORRIWING = Local man who became a tracker at Argyle.[36]

FRED = Northern Territory man who became a tracker at Argyle. Walked out.[37]

GEORGIE = Local man who became a tracker at Argyle.[38]

HARRY = Northern Territory man who became a tracker at Argyle. Walked out.[39]

JACKY = Came from the Fletcher Creek Police Station to be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. [40]

PADDY = Northern Territory man who became a tracker at Argyle. Walked out.[41]

PETER = Local man who became a tracker at Argyle.[42]

PLUTO = Came from the Fletcher Creek Police Station to be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. He remained there until the middle of 1900.[43]

TOMMY = Came from the Fletcher Creek Police Station to be one of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. He walked out about a month after arriving.[44]

WILLY = One of the first trackers to work out of Argyle. Killed at Bow River on the 22nd of July 1896.[45]

ARRINO

LOCATION = On the railway line two hundred and five miles North of Perth.

ASQUITH TIMBER LOG FALLING CAMP - ASQITH CONCESSION

LOCATION = About thirty four kilometres east south east of the present town of Yarloop. South of the Harvey to Quindianning Road.[46]

INDUSTRY = Timber.

HISTORY - By early 1946 the timber around Banksiadale had been worked out and a new source was granted in the Asquith concession. South of the Murray River and about sixty six kilometres from Banksiadale. It was reached by rehabilitating six kilometres of the Banksiadale track, using forty two kilometres of State Saw Mills in the Hakea Mill area and building seventeen kilometres of new line. Log hauling eventually began from this area in January 1952. [47] The log fallers lived in a bush camp, where a boarding house and other facilities were built. [48]

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