YANDANOOKA

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 19' south by Longitude 115° 34' east. Twenty kilometres south east of the present town of Mingenew. 1

INDUSTRY = Wheatbelt railway siding. ²

HISTORY = Yandanooka is the Aboriginal name of a nearby water source, Yandanooka Spring. It is said to mean "plenty of hilly country in sight" from "Yanda" (coming) and "Nooka" (hills). The spring name has also been spelt Yendenooka. The area was first settled by Thomas WHITFIELD in the 1850's, and was also on the route of the Midland Railway when it opened in 1895.

A Yandanooka siding was established following the opening of the railway line, but was moved four kilometres south in 1902. When the siding was moved the government decided the new site was suitable for a future townsite, and land was set aside in 1903. Townsite lots were surveyed in 1913, and the townsite gazetted in 1919.

YARLOOP No. 5 TIMBER MILL - see - No. 11 MILL

YARRI -Once known as - NEW EDJUDINA.

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 47' south by Longitude 122° 22' east. One hundred and fifty eight kilometres north east of the present town of Kalgoorlie. ⁴

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered in this area in 1902, the area being referred to as New Edjudina for a while.

The Mines Department requested a townsite be surveyed as there were new residences and businesses springing up, and a surveyor suggested the townsite be named "Yarrie", as this was the Aboriginal name of the place. Applying spelling rules for Aboriginal names, the Lands Department changed it to Yarri, and the townsite was gazetted in January 1903. However, no lots were sold in the townsite, and it was cancelled in 1904. A new townsite was surveyed and gazetted in 1908. ⁵

YARRIE STATION [Pastoral]

LOCATION = On Eel Creek, a small tributary of the De Gray River ⁶ near the banks of the De Grey east south east of Port Hedland.

OTHER BUSINESSES = Although not solely a store, and at times Christopher COPPIN the owner of this pastoral station was apparently somewhat annoyed at the interruption to the rural life the station, the station did act as a general supply store for gold prospectors in the late 1880's. COPPIN purchased gold scales and his daughter sowed copious calico bags to hold the miners tea, sugar and flour in what seems to have proved a lucrative sideline to running stock. ⁷

YERILLA

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 29' south by Longitude 121° 50' east. One hundred and five kilometres east north east of the present town of Menzies.⁸

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = In January 1895 Mount Catherine Reef which was about six and a half kilometres south east of the later centre of Yerilla, and was rich in alluvial gold, was discovered. This led to an immediate rush to the field.⁹

The miners soon formed a progress committee, and in 1896 requested the declaration of a townsite. The townsite was gazetted in November 1896. 10

POLICE & COURTS = The station became operational in July 1897¹¹ at a site on McKinery street. No date is available for the closure of the office. ¹²

POLICE OFFICERS

McDONALD, L. [Constable] = He commenced duties there in July 1897 ¹³ and is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ¹⁴

SAMSON, H. C. [Constable] = He transferred from Bardoc to become the first Officer in Charge in July 1897 ¹⁵ and is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ¹⁶

MINING REGISTRAR

McKINERY, W. H. = He is listed in the 1898 postal directory. 17

TRANSPORT SERVICES = There was a weekly coach service from Coolgardie via Menzies and Yerilla to Pennyweight Point by about 1898. ¹⁸

POSTAL SERVICES

POSTMASTER

WHITE, E A = Listed in the 1898 postal directory. 19

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

COMMERCIAL HOTEL = C. KELLY is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ²⁰

SMITH HOTEL renamed **NEVER NEVER HOTEL** = In 1905 Charles Bartholomew WEBB left his hotel in Yundamindra to run Smith' Hotel for a couple of years. He renamed it the *Never Never* Hotel.²¹

ROYAL HOTEL = P. O'NEIL is listed in the 1898 postal directory. 22

YERILLA HOTEL = J. J. MONAGHAN is listed in the 1898 postal directory.²³

OTHER BUSINESSES

BUTCHER = S. and P. PARRY of Parry Bros are listed in the 1898 postal directory. ²⁴

CHEMIST 1 & HAIRDRESSER = G. A. WALTON is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ²⁵

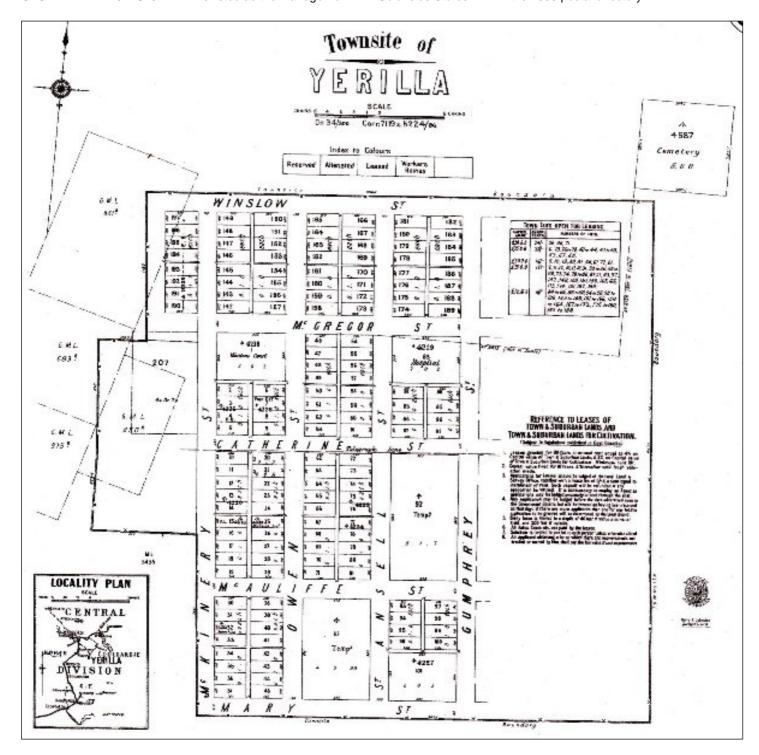
DRAPER = J P FLYNN is listed in the 1898 postal directory.

MINING AGENT 1 = Hugh GUMPHREY is listed in the 1898 postal directory. 27

NEWSAGENT = J. H. KEEGAN is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ²⁸

STOREKEEPER 1 - A general store was operated there by Samuel J. OTTERY in about 1898.²⁹ It is listed in the 1898 postal directory.³⁰

STOREKEEPER 2 = W. SMITH is listed in the 1898 postal directory. ³¹



YOUANI - Original name for - YOUANMI.

YOUANMI - Originally named - YUANI.

LOCATION = Latitude 28° 37' south by Longitude 118° 50' east. Ninety kilometres south west of the present town of Sandstone. 33

INDUSTRY = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered in the area in 1896, but was of insufficient richness to warrant being developed. The area was rediscovered in 1908.

By 1910 there were sufficient miners in the area for the Youanme Progress Committee to request a townsite be declared. Following the survey of lots the townsite was gazetted in August 1910, but was spelt Yuani. This spelling was adopted because it was regarded as the correct spelling of this Aboriginal name, and Youanme was a local corruption. However, it was soon realised that the gazetted spelling would lead to the name being mispronounced, and in December 1910 it was changed to the current spelling, Youanmi. The "mi" at the end of the name is pronounced as in "me". Another spelling recorded for the name is Euanni, and Coorang is

also recorded as an alternative Aboriginal name for the area. The name was first recorded for a spring in the area by a surveyor in 1887, the name having been given to the surveyor by an old Aboriginal accompanying him. The meaning of the name is uncertain, one source advising it actually means "you and me", although this is unlikely. Other sources suggest it relates to a type of mulga trees located around the spring or the bob tailed goanna, the Aboriginal name of which is Youan or Uan. 34

TRANSPORT SERVICES = Cobb & Co introduced a weekly motor car service from Sandstone in about October 1909. 35 POSTAL SERVICES = By July 1909 a bike mail service was established between White Well and Youanmi.

YOWERAGABBIE

LOCATION - Latitude 28° 14' south by Longitude 117° 38' east. Twenty eight kilometres south west of the present town of

HISTORY = When the Mullewa-Cue railway line opened for traffic on the 1st of July 1898, Yoweragabbie was one of the original sidings on the line. The siding serviced the surrounding pastoral properties, and in 1913/14 land was set aside for a commonage at the siding, and also for a townsite. The townsite was gazetted in April 1914, but very little development ever took place there. The name is Aboriginal, being derived from the name of a nearby well recorded by a surveyor in 1886. 38

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION = Sam RUSSELL moved there from [Nannowtharra or The Brothers] early in 1896 and applied for a licence. This was transferred to J. ALFORD a few months later when RUSSELL moved to Neds Well.

OTHER BUSINESSES

STOREKEEPER = There was a store there run by Mr C. B. GREEN ⁴⁰ by July 1911. ⁴¹

YUIN

LOCATION = Yalgoo area.

HISTORY = in 1901 there were fourteen houses, thirty males and six females in the centre. 42

? HOTEL = There was a hotel there circa 1900. 43

YUNDAMINDERA - Previously known as the - GRANITES.

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 07' south by Longitude 122° 02' east. 44 About seventy kilometres east north east of Kookynie. 45 **INDUSTRY** = Gold mining.

HISTORY = By late 1897 gold was running out at Pennyweight Point so R. H. WOOD and his nephew Julius DEIMAL started prospecting about eight kilometres west at the Granites. They were successful and WOOD was granted a Reward Prospecting Patch in February 1898. Other leases were obtained in 1899. Amongst these were the Queen of the May, the Golden treasure South and the Great Bonaparte. 46

A small settlement started up soon after gold was discovered. The town was gazetted as Yundamindra in August 1901 but the boundaries had to be adjusted so it was re-gazetted in October. 47 The name Yundamindera was proposed by the Goldfield Warden who advised that the locals had informed him that this was the Aboriginal name of the place.

UTILITIES = The water supply was from a Government well and soaks. 48

TRANSPORT SERVICES = There was a weekly coach service from Coolgardie via Menzies and Yerilla to Pennyweight Point which stopped at Yundermindera by about 1898. 49 By 1903 it was connected by a twice weekly coach to Murrin Murrin. 50

ADMINISTRATION = There was a Yundamindra Progress Association formed by about 1898/1900.⁵¹ By 1903 the community was being run by a seven member progress committee and a seven member health board. 52

POLICE & COURTS - Constable O'HERN commenced duties there as Officer in Charge in April 1902. ⁵³ A lockup was erected in October 1903. ⁵⁴ The station was closed in April 1911. ⁵⁵ A mining Wardens Court was operating by January 1902. ⁵⁶

HEALTH = By 1906 there was a double pan sanitary system with a weekly service. ⁵⁷

CEMICATION. The Construction of the Market Market

EDUCATION = The Government opened a school in the Workers Hall of The Yundamindera Miners Union [A.W.A.] in July 1903 with Miss Sora RAMSDEN in charge of ten students. The Government first shut then reopened the school in 1905, shut it in 1908 and again reopened it in 1909. The final closure date is not known. 60

POSTAL & COMMUNICATION SERVICES = The Post and Telegraph Office and the Postmaster G. W. TODD from Pennyweight Point were moved to Yundamindera in December 1900. 61 The Post Office closed in 1911 62 but John LEITCH shifted the operations to a small office on the Victoria Hotel's verandah. 63

TRANSPORT SERVICES = In 1903 a coach connecting coach service from Yundamindera to Murrin Murrin to pick up the main coach line from Malcolm to Laverton twice a week.⁶⁴

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

MILLBANK'S GRANITES HOTEL = By February 1900 construction had began on a hotel for W. M. HODGES⁶⁵ but George Richard MILLBANK the licensee of the hotel at Pennyweight Point had professed interest in transferring his license and buying him out. 66 This was presumably successful because he opened the wood and iron thirteen room Millbank's Granites Hotel with its several dining rooms and a billiard room on Lot 8 at the corner of Deimal & Owens Streets in December 1900.⁶⁷ In December 1907 the MILBANK's left to open a hotel at Lancefield. The new operator, S. BOURNE took over in 1908.⁶⁸ The hotel lasted until late 1911.⁶⁹

BULLETIN HOTEL = In July 1901 a license was issued to Charles Bartholomew WEBB for a corrugated iron building on Lot 1 at the

corner of Deimal and Woods Streets. 70 WEBB left the hotel in 1905 to run Smith's Hotel at Yerilla. 71 The hotel was de-licensed in

VICTORIA HOTEL = This mud brick hotel on Lot 17 Deimal Street was licensed by Alfred J. SHEGOG in 1902. 73 The hotel was delicensed in 1908 74 The demise of the Granites Hotel presumably led John LEITCH to re-licence the Victoria Hotel in 1912. This stayed in operation until the licence lapsed in October 1924. It later became part of the Yundamindra station sheering shed.

SLY GROG SHOP 1 = In about 1902 there was one Caroline LYONS fined by the visiting Kookynie Police for running a sly grog shop in her canvas residence. 76

OTHER BUSINESSES -

BANK - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN = A branch was in business by January 1902 77 and closed in January 1907. 78

BUTCHER = Ireland & McKenna were in business by 1903. ⁷⁹

CORDIAL MAKER = R. KELLNER was in business by 1903. 80 The cordial factory may have closed in September 1907.81

DRAPER 1 = James P. FLYNN was in business by 1903. 82

DRAPER 2 = John SMITH was in business by 1903.

DRAPER 3 = Wootton & Hamilton were in business by 1903. 84

GROCER = Samuel J. OTTERY was in business by 1903. ⁸⁵ By 1912 it was one of only two shops in the town and had closed by the start of the First World War. ⁸⁶

LAUNDREY 1 = Mrs J. W. BULLOCK was in business by 1903. 87

LAUNDREY 2 = Miss NELSON was in business by 1903. 85

NEWSAGENCY = By 1912 W. FLORY's newsagency was one of only two shops in the town. It had closed by the start of the First World War. 89

ORE BATTERY = A public battery arrived in July 1903. This was a Huntington mill operated by Stuart MANTON, and was sited on an excised section of the *Potosi North Extended* Lease. ⁹⁰ It was shifted to Greenbushes in about 1911. ⁹¹

RESTAURANT = William C. RYAN was in business by 1903. 9

STOREKEEPER 1 = Fitzgerald Raftis & Twomey's store was in business by 1903. ⁹³

HALLS & CHURCHES = The Australian Workers Association had a hall there by 1903, which was used for dances, church meetings and as a half time school. 94

YUNNDAGA - Originally named - WOOLGAR.

LOCATION = Latitude 29° 45' south by Longitude 121° 03' east. Seven kilometres south of the present town of Menzies. ⁹⁵ **INDUSTRY** = Gold mining.

HISTORY = Gold was discovered in the area in the mid 1890's. 96

In 1898 a business and residence subdivision was laid out at what was then referred to as Woolgar. Business and residence subdivisions were very temporary, and gave no secure tenure to the inhabitants. By 1904 there was a feel of permanency about Woolgar, and the mining warden advised it was time to gazette the place as a townsite. As there was already a place in Queensland with this name and alternative name was required, and the mining warden suggested three names, one of which was Yundagar. The Department of Lands and Surveys then applied spelling rules it had adopted for Aboriginal names, and the townsite of Yunndaga was gazetted in March 1904. ⁹⁷

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

ROYAL GROUP HOTEL = The 1906 postal directory shows Robert WELLS at the hotel.

OTHER BUSINESSES

BLACKSMITH 1 = The 1906 postal directory lists Thomas H. HALSE as a blacksmith.

BLACKSMITH 2 = The 1906 postal directory lists John SHERLOCk as a blacksmith.

STOREKEEPER = The 1906 postal directory lists Henry SPALHOLTZ as a storekeeper.

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