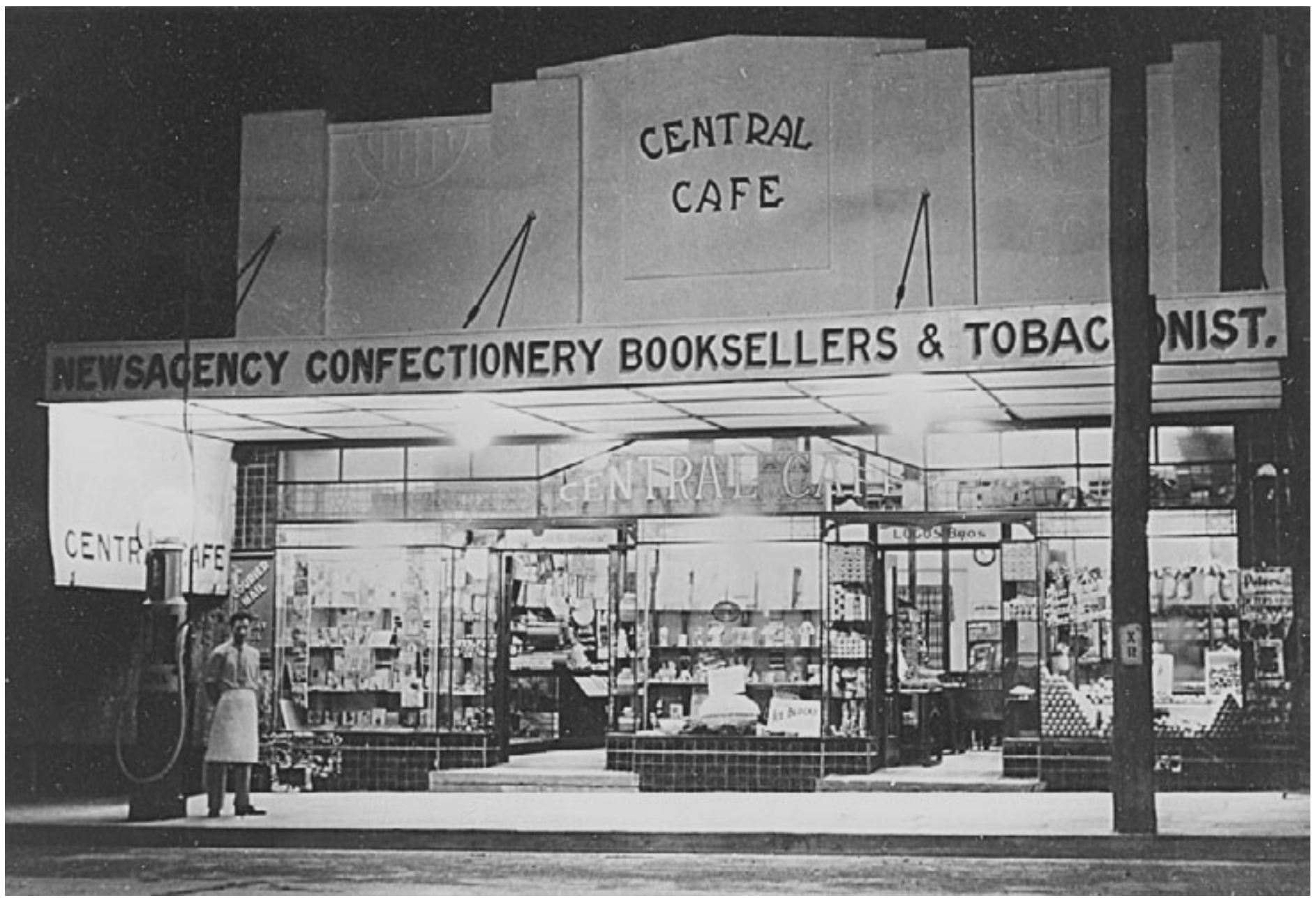


Central Café



Cafés, along with hotels, played an important role in the social life of Blackall. Opened by the Cominos family in the early 1920s, the café was bought by the Logothelis (Logos) Brothers. In this 1929 photograph Nick Logos stands outside his newly refurbished café after fire in the Barcoo Hotel next door had damaged the building.

A visit to the café was a social highlight with its silver table settings, printed menus and waitresses in starched green uniforms. Patrons were introduced to American style food such malted milks, icecream sundaes and sodas at the same time as these treats were being introduced in the larger coastal cities such as Sydney.

The Logos brothers incorporated a newsagency on one side of the café. The Venardos and Aloysuis families continued the traditions of the Greek café. These Greek families moved to larger cities to give their children educational and social opportunities. At the same time fast food became popular and the role of the Central Café in Blackall changed. The Central Café closed in the 1990s.

