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1841	The Flinders River discovered by Lt. Stokes of the "Beagle" on July, 30th.
1861	Frederick Walkers search party for the ill-fated Burke and Wills Expedition passed throughout the District.
1862	William Landsborough and his exploring party also in search of Burke and Wills camped on the present day site of Hughenden on St. Patrick's Day.
1863	Ernest Henry hearing glowing reports of Walker and Landsborough's expeditions gathered together 800 head of cattle and so began the race with Sheaffe, Walpole and Hayes for first to claim selection. Henry, assisted by two white Stockmen and two black boys passed the others near the present day Torrens Creek and descended into Jardine Valley first.
	Sheaffe, Walpole and Walter Hayes took up selection at Telemon, Marathon and Richmond Downs.
	Oxley and Betts took up Fairlight.
1864	Cargoan taken up by James Gibson.
	McDonald Bros. takes up selection on Cambridge Downs.
	Burleigh taken up by E. Henry.
	Kirk and Sutherland take up Afton Downs.
	Mr. Anning stocks Reedy Springs with sheep.
	10,000 sheep perished on what then became known as Skeleton Creek and later was part of Lammermoor.
1865	Ernest Henry sold his lease to Hughenden Station for 4,999 Pounds to his cousin Robert Gray. Gray stocked Hughenden Station with 3,000 sheep. Mrs Gray was the first pioneer white woman on the Flinders.
1866	Hughenden Township settled.
	Rev. James Hassall visited the District. He was the first Christian Minister of Religion to visit these parts.
	Robert Christensen took up Lammermoor, including Skeleton Creek.
	Robert Gray and Robert Christensen blazed a trail between Pentland and Hughenden.
1868	30,000 people on the Cape River Goldfields. Flour 100 Pounds per ton.
1869	Phenomenal floods in the district.
1870	Biggest flood ever known in the district to this time.
1873	"Long Gough" was appointed Police Inspector at Hughenden.
	Rockwood Station taken up by O'Rourke for whom H.W. Hardwicke was Manager.
	The Palmer Gold Rush broke out.
1874	Inspector Coward relieved "Long Gough" in charge of the native Police.
1875	Reginald McNeill took charge of the native Police. He lies buried near Wandovale Station. via Pentland.
	Hardwicke built the Hughenden Hotel.
1876	Afton Downs bought by Shepherd Smith who put on 30,000 sheep.
	William Mark, owing to a large amount of traffic passing through Hughenden Station to the Cloncurry Copperfields and the Palmer Goldfields, obtained permission to erect a Public House.
1877	Government Surveyor, John Bishop surveyed the site of Hughenden on 21st August.
	To avoid duplication the name of the Township might have been Mokana, which was the native "Quippenburra" name of the locality.
1877	Mark and Henry Magnay opened the Great Western Hotel.
1878	Post Office facilities established with Mr. H.W. Hardwicke as the Postal Agent.
1878	Police Court opened - Reg Uhr, P.M.
1879	Mr. L. Goldring took over the Postal Agency.
1880	Queensland National Bank opened - P. Doherty, Manager.
	Goldring and Tolano opened a Store.
1881	Official Post and Telegraph Office opened - T.P. Kenny, Postmaster and J.T. McLaren, Line Repairer.
	Exchange Hotel built - W. Richards and W. Price, Licensees.
	Hughenden Jockey Club formed.
	Armytage Bros. bought Afton Downs.
	First aerated Water Factory established by Jas. Hume.
	18 January Edwin Archer Herand built bakery at 30 Stansfield Street Hughenden
1882	J. V. Suter opened the Bank of Australasia.
	First Hughenden Divisional Board sat - N. Jordan, Clerk.
	Sugar cost 32 Pounds a ton per wagon from Townsville.
	Price & Co. opened the household Stores.
	Hughenden Hospital opened.
	Thos. Penny arrived at Redcliffe.
1883	St Thomas Church of England built, consecrated by Bishop Staunton, R. Ramm, Pastor, J.V. Suter, Church Warden.
	Cobb & Co. Line of Coaches established from Hughenden onwards.
	Hughenden's first newspaper established 22nd August 1883. The proprietor was F.L. Day who was also Secretary, Local Progress Association.
	The North Western Queensland Pastoral and Agricultural Association formed. The Show and Ball became part of the annual holiday.

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	Hughenden State School established with Mr. Jeremiah Donovan as Head Teacher.
	"Along the Line" - (Book) arrived by Mr. J.R. Chisholm.
1884	"Hughenden Ensign" being published by Mr Cobden (Newspaper).
1885	Roman Catholic Church established - Father Mouton, Parish Priest.
	First passenger train Hughenden, although not officially opened for another three years.
1886	First registered birth - Kate Adelaide Victoria Wilson on April, 20th - daughter of George Wilson, a labourer at Afton Downs.
	Masonic Lodge formed.
	The infamous "Bracelet" which is probably the first one ever raced for in Australia instituted.
	First sand put on the roads and footpaths.
1887	Railway to Hughenden from East officially opened.
	Hughenden became a Municipality - The first Town Council consisted of Mayor L. Goldring (of Goldring and Tolano), Ald. Scowen, P. Nelson, W.E. Gibben, H. Magnay, Eli Williams, T. Cox, T. Penny, Capt. T.J. Sadleir, Town Clerk.
1888	First Land Commissioner's Court sat - B.C. Macgroarty, Commissioner.
	St. Mary's Catholic Church opened.
1889	Hughenden Branch of North Western Pastoral and Agricultural Assoc. formed.
1890	Hughenden Newspaper Ltd. (Observer) formed. Capt. T.J. Sadleir owing to a difference with Mr. F.L. Day, proprietor of the Hughenden Ensign was instrumental in forming the Observer.
	The Camels arrived in Hughenden.
	29 <sup>th</sup> May Samson Pearce purchased Bakery from Edwin Herand
1891	80,000 sheep shorn at Hughenden Station.
	Forty-two inches of rain fell.
	Big Shearers Strike. Encampment formed on the Flinders below the Old Showgrounds. Assistance of military forces were obtained from Townsville under the command of Captain Johnson to preserve order.
	Hughenden Branch of the Pastoralists Union formed.
	"Long Gough" appointed Police Magistrate at Hughenden.
	25th February Jimmy AH Foo purchased the towns bakery from Samson Pearce
1893	Hughenden Municipal Board formed. The members were J.O. Firth (Redcliffe), Harry Hammond (Hughenden), Dundas Simson (Telemon), W.W. Voss (Wongalee), J.V. Suter (Collibah).
1894	Shearers and Shedhands renew strike - Ayrshire Downs, Redcliffe, Cambridge Downs, Manuka and other woolsheds were burned down.
1895	Nineteen people die from an outbreak of typhoid fever.
	Dengue Fever outbreak, 30 serious cases admitted to Hospital.
	Outbreak of cattle tick plague. Most herds were wiped out.
1897	North Hughenden Provisional School opened for enrolment.
	Hughenden Station had 250 miles of fencing with 36 paddocks.
	Wages for labouring on the Hughenden Municipal Council were 8 shillings per an 8-hour day.
1898	Branch of the Bank of N.S.W. opened - J.F. Canny, Manager. W.D. Horsey, Accountant.
1898	Municipal Council purchases a boat and erects a boatshed for use on the Flinders River during flood time.
1898	Messrs. Bergl and Co. to build meatworks on outskirts of town.
1899	Reported case of Scarletine in Hughenden.
	Railway extension to Winton officially opened.
1900	St. Francis Convent opened.
	Central Hotel built.
1901	Flinders Rifle Club commences to conduct shoots.
	Hughenden Volunteer Fire Brigade formed.
1902	The Town Bore commenced.
1903	Railway extensions West opened to Marathon.
1903	Local Authorities Act of 1902 came into force and the Hughenden Municipal Council became the Hughenden Town Council. September 2 <sup>nd</sup> The shire was then changed to the Flinders Shire Council.
	Shire Offices & Shire Hall (at rear) completed at 34 Gray Street.
1904	Railway opened as far west as Richmond.
	Completion of Town Bore and Water Reticulation of the Town began.
1908	August - Presbyterian Church opened. First permanent Minister, Rev A. Hutson, from Scotland.
1911	Erection of Page's Ice Works.
1910	Nov 1910, Hughenden Telephone Exchange is in operation with 12 subscribers and 3 vacant positions
1912	The Hughenden Show held at its present site.
	The New Shamrock Hotel built.
	The Grand Hotel built.

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1913	Bank of NSW opened new premises - Manager A.H.J. Elliott. Wilson's new Hostelry complete.
1914	The Flinders Club formed. Royal Hall completed. (Skating Rink & Social Events). Hughenden Motor Garage built. P. & A. Grandstand built at Showgrounds.
1916	Golf started socially when a 7-hole course was mapped out in the vicinity of the Poinciana Paddock, between the showgrounds & H'den Station (town side).
1917	Biggest flood in History of District. Millican's homestead at Alstonvale swept away. 9 year old Myrtle Green swept away and drowned while Ben Green and family attempted to cross Galah Creek. Flood on Fairlight was 22 ft. above all previous records. Five people lost their lives when the Jenkinson family house on Torver Valley was swept away.
1918	Queenton Shire Hall, Charters Towers, purchased and erected as Town Council Chambers in Hughenden.
1919	Spanish Influenza Outbreak at Hughenden and District. Low level concrete Tank erected for water supply. The new Catholic Church in Flinders Street was completed.
1920	Gray and Brodie Streets built with gravel from Savage Ridge. "All Blacks" the Hughenden Club Premiers in Football.
1921	RSSAILA Clubrooms opened in Resolution Street. Fire destroyed Moxhams buildings in Gray Street.
1922	Electric Light Scheme for Hughenden first proposed.
1923	Olympia Theatre built. Winchcombe Carson's Office built, 28 Brodie St Hughenden Golf Club formed. The Hughenden Branch of the Queensland Country Womans Association established.
1924	Saint Thomas Girl Guides formed in Saint Thomas Anglican Church January
1924	Hughenden Hotel and other buildings destroyed by fire.
1925	First petrol bowser in Hughenden installed at Willet's Garage, located at 6 Brodie Street High level concrete Tank erected for town water supply. Metropole Hotel and Cafe destroyed by fire.
1926	Oddfellows Hall erected in Brodie Street (Shire Hall). Authority granted to Council to supply electricity to Hughenden. North Hughenden School closed. Governor-General of Australia, Lord Stonehaven, along with his wife visit Hughenden.
1927	Q.A.T.B. Building erected at 25 Moran Street. Fire destroyed buildings Gray and Stansfield Streets. Jubilee Celebrations of Hughenden Town and District.
1928	Hughenden Girl Guides became an Association, Brownies with Madge Coleman as Brown Owl formed. Hughenden Golf Course was the only 18 hole course west of Townsville and because of this the North West Championships were held here and have been ever since. Electric Light switched on in Hughenden. Switching on Ceremony officiated by the Mayor, J. Leonard. The Scheme cost some 18,400.00 pounds. Laisters building erected 26 Brodie St, room for 2 businesses including the original White Swan Café. Dalgety's building erected on the corner of Gray/Stansfield St
1932	Hughenden District Soldiers Memorial Fund erected a Rotunda and Drinking Fountain in Gray Street.
1933	Diphtheria epidemic in Hughenden. Fire destroyed Town Council Chambers and Lucas's Baker Shop. Fire destroyed Ballindollock Wool Scour. Post Office erected.
1934	23 Gray Street lot is sold to NZ Loan 23 Gray Street lot is sub-divided and 1 rood of the land was purchased by United Graziers Co-op Shearing Company.
1935	Page's Ice Works and Royal Hall destroyed by fire in the northern side of the eastern end of Brodie Street.
1936	New Chambers built for Town Council. First bitumen road in Gray Street. Hughenden School of Arts building erected.
1937	New Masonic Temple being built.
1938	First Primary Producer's Office built on corner of Gray and Stansfield Streets. PRIMAC
1939	Mr Percival Smith purchased the Hughenden Pharmacy at 39 Brodie Street.
1940	New Water Main Scheme commenced in Hughenden. Percy Finnemore along with Hector Hunter established the Hughenden Bowling Club(located near power house -McLaren Street)

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1941	Flynn of the Inland visits Hughenden.
1942	2/2 Army Tent Hospital at Watten relocated to Mareeba due to being flooded by cyclonic weather occurring at the time
1943	Hughenden District Hospital became a Hospital Board. (Dr Younie, Doctor in Residence ?)
1944	Municipal Markets opened in Stansfield St, Hughenden.
1945	Council accepts Main Roads plans to bridge Flinders River. Hughenden Branch of the Bush Children's Health Scheme formed.
1946	Railway Station destroyed by fire. Alfred & Lionel Wallace purchased bakery in Stansfield Street from George Hearn.
1947	First sod turned Ernest Henry Bridge by Hon. A. Jones, M.L.A. New Railway Station built, Resolution Street. Commonwealth Bank opened own Branch in building previously owned by Munro & Co. (approx 24 Gray Street). (Post Office previously handled business) Jim Cooper, Manager and Frank White Accountant. Mr Les Franzmann purchased Hughenden Stores, Brodie Street, from a Mr McKee
1948	Residence built on Richmond Hill for Hospital, Flinders Highway. *Year to be confirmed: The PMG Department erected a building behind the Post Office for the use of technicians as a workshop and the storage of large generators for use by the telephone exchange when power outages occurred.
1949	Tornado hits Hughenden. (Around 3pm 24 <sup>th</sup> October). Damaging winds of 80 mph unroofed several houses and brought down powerlines followed by heavy rain. July 7, Richard T Cooper purchases shop and adjoining vacant block on the corner of Gray and Mowbray St from William David Corney to be used as a Greengrocers business.
1950	Official switch-on of Sewerage Scheme. Housing Commission erects homes in Hughenden.
1951	Ernest Henry Bridge across Flinders River opened. North Hughenden being supplied with septic tanks.
1951	Back to Hughenden Week combined with Commonwealth Jubilee Celebrations.
1952	Hughenden Aerodrome completed. The Hughenden Scout Group received its Charters. Les Franzmann purchased Hughenden Agencies from Mrs W.A. Younie (Newsagencies)
1953	Biggest fire in history of the West - Central Hotel and many shops destroyed. 100,000 pounds damage. (Brodie Street). Les Franzmann rebuilds News agency after the big fire. New St Thomas Church of England, built on Cnr Resolution & Hardwicke Streets, Hughenden, Previous church on the site had been badly damaged in the 1949 Tornado. Carol Wallace was the first baby christened in the new church.
1954	New shops erected in Brodie Street, after the big fire in 1952
1955	Hughenden Girl Guide Hut, 6 Dalrymple Road, was officially opened. (second building, first building near the old hospital, on the site of the present Swimming Pool on Resolution Street.) Foundation stone laid for new hospital on Flinders Highway West. Courthouse was erected in Brodie St.
1956	The first diesel train arrives in Hughenden. September 22, Swimming Pool opened in Resolution Street opposite Railway. New Cenotaph erected (second one) in front of Swimming Pool New Fire Station built, Corner Resolution & Moran Streets.(second station built) New Shire Council Chambers opened, Gray St New (second) National Bank building erected, Brodie Street. David Burt, Manager.
1957	Electricity changed from DC to AC. First Salk injections Flinders Shire. – to prevent Poliomyelitis
1958	Amalgamation of the Town and Shire Councils. New Hospital opened by Dr Noble, Flinders Highway. Ken Boon was the first baby born on site RSSAILA purchased Odd fellows Hall, Brodie Street. (Returned Soldiers Sailors Airmen Imperial League Australia) from Mrs Madeline Green
1959	Q.C.W.A. Hostel erected and opened in Mowbray Street. Secondary Department of the State School was formed and opened in Moran Street. (Years 9 and 10) Centenary Celebrations for Queensland. T.R.E.B. takes over electric authority and purchases Arida's building, 23 – 25 Brodie Street. (Townsville Regional Electricity Board)
1960	Q.C.W.A. Rest Room opened in Stansfield Street. New Commonwealth Bank building erected in 24 Gray Street. - Manager, Mr R.J. Robson. New Flynn's Softdrink Factory erected Mowbray Street
1961	Flinders Shire Council purchased RSSAILA Memorial Hall, Brodie Street. (Returned Soldiers Sailors Airmen's Imperial League Australia) Alfred Cecil Wallace purchased his deceased brother's, Lionel, half share in the Wallace Bakery. Hughenden Pony Club commences operations at Hughenden Show Grounds.
1962	August 27 - New Catholic School in Flinders Street erected and then blessed by His Lordship Bishop Ryan . (St. Francis).

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	Hughenden State High School extensions erected.
<b>1963</b>	St Francis Catholic School opens its doors to students, with an enrolment of 130 students.
	Motel built at Great Western Hotel in Brodie Street.
	New building constructed with a furniture store opened by Walter & Mary Sladden, in Brodie Street.
	Mr Peter Jackson purchased the Hughenden Pharmacy, 39 Brodie Street. (The Hughenden Pharmacy Building had been two shops one side <i>had previously been used by the Wigan Brothers.</i> )
	Centenary of settlement of the Hughenden area celebrated, 1863 -1963 – Ernest Henry's Granddaughter attended.
	Erection of Hughenden Kindergarten, Gray Street
	1 <sup>st</sup> operated Tab Office opened at 33 Brodie Street managed by Mr Paul Franzmann.
	Electric Light switched on at Prairie.
	Guy Yong Gee & Co erected a new grocery shop at 13 Gray St and relocated his previous business to that location.
<b>1964</b>	RSL Clubrooms erected in Flinders Street.
	Old Catholic Church, Flinders Street, demolished.
	Mr & Mrs Adolph Olsen purchased Wallace Bros. Bakery, Stanfield Street, who had been operating it since 1946.(possibly 1965)
<b>1965</b>	Hughenden Kindergarten building officially opened by Sir Francis Nicklin, M.L.A.
	Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Abel-Smith, visits Hughenden.
	Electric light switched on at Torrens Creek.
	New Bore No. 7 sunk at Hughenden by Mr Harry Bode. (At the river end of Stansfield St)
	Des Erricker, compiler of the original Timeline document, Shire Clerk, retires.
<b>1966</b>	W.C. Laister's Building sold to Franzmann family.
	Hughenden Lions Club hold first Annual Rodeo.
	14 <sup>th</sup> February, 1966 - Decimal currency came into operation (pounds, shillings and pence to dollars and cents).
	New A.N.Z. Bank Building erected - Cost \$36,000. Manager, Brian Kinnane.
	Hughenden Agencies sold to Bill and Olga Murphy, previously owned by Les Franzmann
<b>1967</b>	Ken Doyle opens Hughenden Welding Service, 1 Bond Lane. (Date to be confirmed) Inventor of an attachment that improved the function of the original Brompton Rat Fire Plough.
	Faith Baptist Church opened at Cnr Flynn & Brodie Streets, Pastor William Mosley
	Shamrock Hotel, NW corner of Stansfield and Gray St, destroyed by fire. Owners, Len & Mary Coates.
	New Catholic Church erected in Mowbray Street.
	Flinders Shire Council takes over Showgrounds from Show Society. President J. Barr
	Lions Club hand over new vehicle to Ambulance Centre, - XT Falcon Station wagon.
	Caltex Service Station erected 8 Gray St- Bob Lewis, Lessee.
<b>1968</b>	New Bank of New South Wales building is erected, cnr of Gray & Brodie Streets - Manager, Mr. R.K. Rogers.
	Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield, visits Hughenden.
	February 17, Flinders River Bridge went under water.
	Jo & Ivy Fisher purchased Olsen's Bakery, 30 Stansfield Street.
	New 370,000 gallon Reservoir constructed in Alyss Street.
	Flinders Shire Council purchased its first WABCO Scraper - \$37,000.00. (F111A model)
	Hughenden Lions Club erects Town Clock in the middle of the intersection of Gray and Brodie St.
	Highway through Hughenden Station and Showgrounds across Station Creek closed. Main Roads Department (MRD) relocated highway to S.E. of Hughenden between the Gray St rail crossing and the 10 mile rail crossing.
<b>1969</b>	Greyhound and Pioneer Coaches commence services through Hughenden.
	V8 Service Station (Tom Guest) moved from next to the Grand Hotel to new premises on the Cnr Mowbray & Gray Streets.
	New Telecom Line Depot Building erected in Disraeli Street.
	Terminal Building erected at Hughenden Airport.
<b>1969</b>	Hughenden Show Grounds pavilion built.
<b>1970</b>	"Alan Terry" Caravan Park opened. Resolution Street, next to swimming pool. Alan Terry council member 1966 to 1972 -6 years
	Poole Bros. Grocer Shop (SSW Supermarkets, [Self Service Wholesalers]) sold to R.C. & M.A. Gazzard – The Poole family had been in the grocery business in Hughenden for about 52 years.
<b>1971</b>	Winchcombe Carson Ltd., Brodie Street, closed down due to depressed sheep and wool prices caused by drought in previous four years.
	First Microwave Television Station opened in Hughenden (ABC).
	Caretaker's Cottage erected at Hughenden Airport.
	A.B.C. Regional Relay Radio Station 4HU commences broadcasting.
	Queensland State Cabinet sat at Hughenden.
	Flynn's soft drink factory sold to Len & Margaret Hoare.
<b>1972</b>	Dalgety's Building, Cnr Gray/Stansfield Sts. sold to Mrs J. Wright for Motel Accommodation.
	Governor of Queensland, Sir Colin Hannah, K.B.E.,C.C. visits Hughenden.

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	Flinders Whisper, Gazzard's of Gazzard's Supermarket first commenced printing it.
<b>1973</b>	Winchcombe Carson Limited re-opened for business.
	Two Old Peoples' Cottages opened by Mr R.C. Katter, Member for Kennedy. Erected by Hughenden & District Old Peoples Welfare Assoc. in Hammond Court on vacant land on the N.E side of Dalrymple Road.
	Mrs Patricia Abbott first woman to be elected as a councillor on Flinders Shire Council
<b>1974</b>	Mr Hector Hunter Councillor and resident of the Shire received the Queens Honours, Member of the British Empire (M.B.E.).
	Junior Soccer commences in Hughenden at John Allen memorial Field. Flinders Highway east
	Two Tennis Courts at Stamford opened by Mr R.C. Katter Snr, Member for Kennedy.
	Hughenden Power Station the third most efficient diesel powered Station in the World.
	New Municipal Saleyards opened by Council - Cattle sold by live weight – bullocks sold up to 66.4cents, cows to 55c and bulls up to 63c kg live weight
	Jim & Fran Marendy relocated their White Swan Café business in a section of the Laisters Building to Wally & Mary Sladden's vacant building across the road, 55 Brodie St.(The second café known as The White Swan)
<b>1975</b>	BP Service Station on old site of Flynn & Snape Ice Works destroyed by fire.
	June 1, Robert & Margaret Holden purchased the Bakery at 30 Stansfield Street from Jo & Ivy Fischer
	New Club Rooms at Bowling Green, North Hughenden, opened by Mr Hector Hunter, M.B.E.
	New Primary School and Library Building erected at Hughenden State School.
	Hughenden Rotary Club donates TV Set and Playground Equipment to Hospital.
	New P.M.G. Barracks erected at corner of Stansfield and Flynn Streets.
<b>1976</b>	Foxwood opens Sawmill in Hughenden.(to the East of Disraeli St)
	G. Hansen's Bakery located on the corner of Gray and Moran St, closes down; it had been operating since the 1920s.
	Flinders Highway - fully bituminised - opened by Hon. J. Bjelke Petersen, M.L.A. Premier of Queensland.
	E J Large & Company (Proprietors-J.A. & U.L. Playford) purchased Shardlow & Sons, 14 Gray Street.
	Mr Barry Fudge purchased the Hughenden Pharmacy, 39 Brodie Street from Mr Peter Jackson
	Houses purchased and new dwellings erected for Yumba Community Co-operative Society Limited (Aboriginal Group).
	Flinders Shire Council withdraws from Regional Library Board and purchases all own books.
	New Abattoir erected by K.H. & J. Cairns, Butchers.
	Top storey of Great Western Hotel destroyed by fire - bottom storey only renovated.
	State School Pre School Centre , in McLaren Street - opened by Hon. V. Bird, M.L.A. – Closed 2006
	11 dwellings erected by Queensland Railways (J.A. Playford, Builder) due to increase in rail traffic with introductions of phosphate haulage from Julia Creek area.
	Paul Franzmann and John Teitzel purchased Guy Yong Gee's grocery shop at 13 Gray St and called it 'FT Foodmart'
	Bob and Margaret Gazzard purchased Hughenden Stores (a grocery store) from the Franzmann family company
<b>1977</b>	Flinders Shire Council purchased its second WABCO Scraper - \$85,000.00.
	Centenary of Hughenden town survey by Government Surveyor Bishop was held. The Governor of Queensland, Sir James Ramsey, C.B.E. D.S.C. paid a brief visit - the Hon. M. Hodges, M.L.A., Minister for Tourism, opened the Celebrations.
	Wayne and Shaaron Linwood purchased the Brodie St News Agency from Bill and Olga Murphy.
	Bob Holden and Bill Pitt erected a shed at 7 Gray St, setting up Flinders Produce on the site.
<b>1978</b>	Two further Old Peoples' Cottages built. Erected by Hughenden & District Old Peoples Welfare Assoc.
	The Council moved Winchcombe Carson Ltd building from 28 Brodie Street to 32 Gray Street (Council required the land for a proposed Civic Centre).
<b>1979</b>	Close Autos Service Station, on Flinders Highway West, erected and operated by John Close.
<b>1980</b>	Northside Cash Store, Little Avenue, built and operated by Alan and Marilyn Steadman.
	Royal Hotel destroyed by fire - June.
	Brothers, Robert, Tony & David Mitchell purchased the Australian Hotel, on the corner of Disraeli and McLaren St, from Mr Manuel Sourrys.
<b>1981</b>	New Royal Tavern opened by Lloyd Ellis on the site of the Royal Hotel that was razed by fire.
	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct Milton and Roberta Morrison purchased the Great Western Hotel off Michael and Geraldine Battalana
	East Coast Helicopter Service commenced operation - K. Amess, Pilot.
	Meals on Wheels Service commencement from Convent Kitchen. Mr C O'Mahoney(President), Sister Marian (Secretary) Mrs Evie Pain(Cook) Mrs M Coffison (Treasurer) November
	Fred and Marilyn Coffison purchased Flynn's Soft drink factory in Mowbray St from Lenn and Margaret Hoare.
	St Thomas Church of England became known as St Thomas Anglican Church.
<b>1982</b>	Squash Centre built and operated by Jim Marendy and Trevor Youngberry.
	STD (Telephone service) commenced in Hughenden.
	Olympia Theatre – owner Bill Walsh introduced Roller Skating.
	Municipal Saleyards extended.
	State School Debutante Ball held in the Hibernian Hall, organised by the Rotary Club. Pipers from Townsville were brought out to entertain. Mrs Olive O'Connor was one of the Matrons of Honour.

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	June, First edition of the Flinders Crier is published
<b>1983</b>	Motel units built onto the Royal Tavern by Sam Nucifora.
	Rest Easi Motel opened – owner E. & R. Janeak. On Richmond Hill Drive, opposite end of Churchill St. Used to be Flinders Highway
	Hughenden Show Society, holds Centenary Show.
	Homes from Mary Kathleen erected in Hughenden.
	New dwelling erected Caravan Park to replace one burnt adjacent to Swimming Pool.
	New T.A.B. Building erected 22 Gray Street - operated by Asthore Corrigan.
	The first year that Year 11 class was introduced at Hughenden State School
	Railway Line down Swanson St to Ballast pit in the Flinders River was pulled up.
	Colin and Leona Mitchell purchased the White Swan Café, from Jim & Fran Mareudy (55 Brodie St).
	R & M Gazzard sells 'Poole Bros SSW supermarket' to Ron and Dana Watson, named Watson's Supermarket Cut Price Store.
<b>1984</b>	Cafe (Joan's Takeaway) erected on the corner of Page and Gray Streets, by Terry and Joan Clark.
	Chinese Restaurant opened in Brodie Street - (Panas's old cafe).
	July 1, Michael & June Palk purchased the Hughenden Pharmacy, 39 Brodie Street from Barry Fudge.
	Hansen's Baker Shop demolished – Eastern corner of Gray and Moran St
	Bobby Holden & Bill Pitt erected a building on the site of the demolished 'Hansen's Bakery'. Pete's Country Kitchen, operated by Peter Webb, opened.
	Video and Games shop in room next door to Pete's Country Kitchen opens, run by Bobby Holden and Bill Pitt.
	The first year that Year 12 was offered at Hughenden State School.
<b>1985</b>	Indoor Cricket introduced at Olympia Theatre by Bill Walsh.
	Mechanical Workshop, Betts Street, opened by Geoff Robins.
	Council purchased Word Processor and Printer.
	Extensions carried out to Shire Office (Kevin Bannah, Shire Clerk).
	Torrens Creek Centenary Celebrations held
	March 18, Drew & Lois Westcott purchased Watson's Supermarket, 31 Moran Street and renamed it Hughenden Supermarket Food Store.
	July 31, Hughenden Railway Refreshment Rooms closed down.
	Max Wallis purchased Royal Hotel from Bob & Jan Cruze.
<b>1986</b>	Convent of the Good Samaritan Sisters, cnr of Flinders & Mowbray Streets was demolished (erected 1900)
	Oldfield's Service Station, 12 Stansfield Street - demolished by fire – a new Service Station (where Frank Edgerton's Plumbing Business was located - 2008) was then erected by Mick Oldfield.
	First time in Hughenden Men's Old Sandgreens Amateur Golf Championships
	Pecky's Road House erected opposite Cemetery by Alec Peck.
	O'Neil Building commences trading in Hughenden, (Aussie O'Neil builder)
	Greg Anchen establishes a Second hand shop in his building at 25 Gray St. (Building was originally the office of New Zealand Loan (stock & station agents)
	Great Western Hotel proprietors M & R Morrison erected single shearer's quarters on the premises and called them Seldom Inn. They had purchased them from the defunct Mary Kathleen Mine Site.
<b>1987</b>	April 4, New Convent erected (Builder, Dennis Duffy - Priest, Father Dave Lancini – Principal Nun - Sister Judith Margetts.)
	Porcupine Gorge Lookout opened by Hon. Geoff Muntz, M.L.A. Member for Tourism, National Parks and Sport.
	Colin & Helen Edwards in partnership with David & Jenny Murdoch purchased Hughenden News Agency from Wayne and Sharon Linwood.
	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses erected Cnr Churchill & Alyss Streets. Leader Colin Springall.
	Robert and Margaret Gazzard sold to Drew and Lois Westcott the furniture and electrical shop at 18-20 Brodie St.
	41 Brodie St shop owned by Bill and Rhonda Pitt sold to Alan and Marilyn Steadman as a Drapery, clothing shop. A small back section was sub leased to Shirley Hickmott (nee Brenson) as a Hairdressing Salon and then to various others over the years.
	Fred & Marilyn Coffison purchase Flinders Star Service Station corner of Gray and Mowbray St. (8 Gray St) from Kevin & Imelda Brosnan. (nee Price)
<b>1988</b>	Hughenden Telephone exchange situated on the right hand side of the Post Office building closed.
	Dinosaur Display Centre opened in Gray Street on December 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dr A. Bartholamai of the Queensland Museum.
	AnnMarie Wieben (nee Jensen) purchased from Mrs Bright Lot 2 35 Brodie St to open a Hairdressing business and then purchased Lot 1 from Marilyn Herrick in 2001.
	Bi-Centenary – construction of Woolshed at Hughenden Showgrounds.
	Bi-Centenary – construction of new Show Pavilion including Secretary Office at Showgrounds.
<b>1989</b>	Railway Carriage installed Lions/Rotary Park, Brodie Street
	Inaugural Dinosaur Festival Week April 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> .
	Barry's Quality Meats opened in Brodie Street (in Sallatina's old butcher shop).
	Railway Social Clubhouse erected on Railway Reserve, on southern side of town on Flinders Highway. Richard Abel, President
	Olympia Theatre was destroyed by fire - 6th September 1989.

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	NORQEB building demolished (previously Arida's Shop) and new building erected.
1990	New Shire Clerk's residence completed – 7(?) Resolution Street.
	1 <sup>st</sup> July, Australian Country Information Services (ASIS) commenced operating in conjunction with the Council's Library at 27 Stansfield Street by Mrs Colette Venning. It consisted of Dept of C'wealth Services & Health, Dept of C'wealth Employment, Education & Training, Dept of Immigration, Local Govt & Ethnic Affairs, Dept of Social Services & Dept of Veteran Affairs. Closed down in 1999 when Library moved into Westpac Bank Building & Centrelink Office opened in the old Library.
	Salvation Army Hall in Gray Street demolished - (used as store room by V8 Service Station).
	First time in Hughenden Women's Old Sand greens Amateur Golf Championships
	September 28, Australian Hotel destroyed by fire.
	Mr Steve Paulger commences as Principal at Hughenden State School
	Fred and Marilyn Coffison ceased manufacturing soft drinks but kept on as a franchisee of Coke-a-Cola.
1991	February 5, at 10.30 am - Flinders River Bridge under water.
	Commonwealth Bank Building erected in Brodie Street - Manager, Robin Potter.
	Second National Australia Bank building demolished and new premises erected - Manager, Greg Jaques.
	Bert & Anna Kariya purchased the White Swan Café from Colin and Leona Mitchell. (The second iteration of the White Swan Café)
	Torrens Creek State School holds Centenary celebrations.
1992	Queensland Railways Offices including Control Section closed down - run from Townsville.
	October, No. 9 Bore sunk at Saleyards Road.
	Mike and June Palk purchase vacant building, 41 Brodie St that had been owned by Steadman's as a clothing shop, a ramp connected the building to the Chemist shop.
	30 September Angel and William Langdon purchased from Mr Keogh the building at 23 Gray St. This building was originally the office of United Graziers Co-op Shearing Co. Ltd.
1993	June 25, Westpac Banking Corporation, cnr Gray & Brodie Streets closed its doors for business. Manager Colin Craig
	Official visit by Her Excellency Mrs Leneen Forde, A.C.
	August, Flinders Poppy Arts & Crafts Group commenced business in the shop of the Grand Hotel, Gray Street.
	September 10, Mr Robert Mitchell MLA officially opened Flinders Poppy Craft Shop.
	Eileen & Sam Gluyas Aged Persons Units opened by Her Excellency Leneen Ford. Erected By Hughenden & District Old Peoples Welfare Assoc. at Hammond Court making six Aged Peoples Units.
	Median Strips – Gardens established Stansfield Street and up Flinders Highway West
1994	Council erected new floodlighting at Showgrounds in June
1995	Building Application approved for KT Australia – Tannery, at the intersection of the Flinders Highway and Muttaborra Road
	Erection New Flinders Shire Council Workshop - Saleyards Road
	October 25, First Meeting held in renovated Council Chambers, 34 Gray Street.
1996	Official opening of new fire brigade building in Swanson St. by the Hon M. Veivers, Minister of Emergency Services and Sport. Captain, Wayne Brebner. This was the third building designated as the Fire Brigade.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> January Great Northern Tele-centre opened at Ross & Pat Lenske Business in Byers Street
	June 21, Commonwealth Bank in 24 Brodie St, closed, Manager Peter McNeill. (Third bank location.)
	July, Flinders Poppy Arts & Crafts Group recommenced business in relocated railway house at 34 Stansfield Street then on September 7, Flinders Poppy Arts & Crafts Group building was officially opened by Marilyn & Dave Arnett, owners of the Grand Hotel.
	August 16 to 24, 6th Dinosaur Festival held.
	September, 6 Dinosaur Feet fibreglass rubbish bins installed in Hughenden, 1 at Torrens Creek, 1 at Prairie and 1 at Stamford.
	December 14, Garden Shop, Gray Street closed their business, Coral Wieben-Owner.
	Les Wallace opens private mechanic workshop on the corner of Flynn and Stansfield St.
1997	January, Moonrock Video Shop opened in old Garden Shop, Gray Street – owners Gavin & Chantelle Rodgers.
	January 30, River flowed over the bridge.
	February 15, Westpac Bank auctioned. Passed in at \$85,000
	March 15, Council Triennial Elections held – Changed from 12 to 9 Councillors.
	March 25, Brendan McNamara elected Mayor (previously referred to as Shire Chairman) of Flinders Shire Council.
	April 2, Extension to the front of the Dinosaur Display Building opened (now call Flinders Discovery Information Centre)
	April, Eight Points of Interest signs erected by Flinders Shire Council on Hann Highway to Porcupine Gorge National Park
	May, Hughenden Queensland Arts Council branch named Queensland's branch of the year.
	June 3/4 - 114 <sup>th</sup> Hughenden Show hosts North West Queensland Rail's Silver Spike Finals
	August, Hughenden Silver Spike Team achieved third place in state finals held in Brisbane.
	Oct 11/12, Inaugural Mid West Expo held at Diggers Hall, Hughenden.
	Native Title claim lodged by Yirandali Tribe on Porcupine Gorge National Park (Yirendali People Core Country QC06/020)
	November, Flinders Shire Council purchased Westpac bank building, corner Gray & Brodie Streets.
	November - Poultry Shed at Hughenden Showground demolished.
	November 21, at Mt Isa - Flinders Shire Council awarded Outback Queensland Tourism Award for General Tourism Services

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	November: "Work for Dole" Flinders Tree Farming Project approved.
	November 28, Inaugural Riverside Markets held at Robert Gray Memorial Park. (Awarded best community event for 1997 in Australia Day Local Awards)
	December - Honnery's Auto Electrician opened for business in Primac Assoc old building, 24 Brodie Street. (2 <sup>nd</sup> iteration of location)
<b>1998</b>	Flinders River has flowed continuously since December 15 <sup>th</sup> until January 31 <sup>st</sup> 1998
	February 2, Internet installed at Shire library for public access in Stansfield Street.
	Major flooding in district. Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> Charters Towers isolated for 36 hours. Burdekin River peaked at 20.5 on January 8 <sup>th</sup> , almost 7 metres above Burdekin Bridge. Townsville declared a flood disaster area.
	Moonrock Video shop moved to old Commonwealth Bank building 24 Brodie Street.
	September, Viney, McDowall & Co commenced business at 31 Gray Street.
	Privatisation of the Hughenden Post Office commenced - , Caroline McLoughlin first Post Mistress.
	October 26, Tornado hit Hughenden at roughly 6:00pm. Trees were uprooted all over town, some structural damage was done to houses and two business houses were effected Wrights Motel and the Great Northern Telecentre. Julia Creek was hit by the same Tornado, the town lost four houses and the hotel roof.
	December 14, Library moved into Westpac Bank building, cnr of Gray & Brodie Streets.
	Francis & Jan Holden purchased the White Swan Café from the Karipa family and renamed it FJ Holden's Café. 55 Brodie St.
	Construction of 'Trades Hall' at Hughenden Showgrounds.
<b>1999</b>	Exchange Hotel Torrens Creek Hotel has installed Motel units to be opened in September
	July 16, Centrelink office at 27 Stansfield Street, Hughenden was officially opened by the Minister for Social Security The Hon Warren Truss MLA.
	August, Dinosaur Sculpture erected on Brodie Street side of Library (Designed by Mr Sam Brown & Mrs Terry Lindsay).
	September 18, Imparja TV commenced transmission.
	September 27, TAB moved from Gray Street to Pub TAB at the Royal Hotel/Motel, Moran Street.
	Motel units arrived for extension to Royal Hotel/Motel, Moran Street, situated at 18 Mowbray Street.
	November 1, Don & Connie Wood took over the lease of the Hughenden Driveway Cafe, Flinders Highway East.
	November 1, SBS Television commenced transmission.
	November 12, Flinders Shire Council won the Local Government Category in the Gardens of Outback Q'ld Awards.
	December 4, "Mutt" a Muttaborrasaurus fiberglass replica approx 8 metres long and 4 metres high, positioned on the corner of Gray and Stansfield St. Saturday at 1.30 pm - "Mutt" was officially opened by the Hon Bob Gibbs MLA, Minister for Tourism, Sports & Racing.
<b>2000</b>	January 13, QR's Deviation Line at the south-east section was officially commissioned.(Disraeli St to Flinders Highway)
	January 28, Council demolished McGregors old soft drink factory at 10 Beaconsfield Street.
	March 10, Fence erected along QR line in Moran & Resolution Streets.
	March 13, Flinders Butchery sold by Daniel Carter to Stuart & Stacey Christensen.
	March 25, The last Triannual Local Government Elections held- now to be held every 4 years
	Trevor & Barbara Mitchell's Fish Shop, corner of Brodie/Flinders Street closed - They opened in 1988.
	April 8, Moonrock Video, 20 Brodie Street closed down.
	May 11, 12 & 13, 100 Years celebrations for the arrival of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan & opening of St Francis School in Hughenden.
	June 1, Telstra Mobile Phone Access commenced - CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access).
	First annual Porcupine Gorge Challenge held in conjunction with Centenary of Federation Celebrations
	November 1, FJ Holden Café, 55 Brodie Street, opened for business, Francis and Jan Holden proprietors. (Previously operating as the second White Swan Cafe).
	November 7, First ATM commenced operation at Royal Hotel.
	Fred and Marilyn Coffison close down the soft drink factory building in Mowbray St, and sold it to the Yumba Community Co-op Assoc.
	Northern Telecentre, took over printing the Flinders Whisper from Westcott's Supermarket
<b>2001</b>	May 12, Flinders River Nursery, (Clive & Cath Grimshaw) 22 Little Avenue commenced business.
	May 31, Centenary of Federation Celebrations in conjunction with the Agricultural Show were held.
	June 2, Opening of "Windmill Rotunda" in middle of Brodie Street by Mayor Brendan McNamara.
	June 3, Mayor Brendan McNamara at Centenary Breakfast in Robert Gray Park officially launched Book "Older Folks of the Flinders Shire" in 2002.
	June 27, Closure of Ergon Retravision, Electrical and Whitegoods, 23-25 Brodie Street.
	July 2, Retravision commenced business in the Post Office Building, Cnr Brodie & Gray Streets, by Mrs Caroline McLoughlin (nee Hunter) and Mrs Beryl Hunter, Proprietors.
	September 14, Robert & Desley Priestley took over ownership of 'Shell Top-of-the-Hill' Roadhouse.
	October 11, Demolition completed today of Shire Hall (formerly the Oddfellows then the RSSAILA Hall), Brodie Street.
	October 24, Erection of Ammonite Sculpture (designed & constructed by Sam Brown & Mrs Terry Lindsay) on Gray Street side of Library.

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	October 29, Dr Ian Cormack changed over to operating his surgery in the Old Health premises at 20 Brodie Street (originally built as the Commonwealth Bank).
	November 30, TJ Squash Courts (owned by James & Frances Mareudy) at Flinders Highway West, ceased business today.
<b>2002</b>	February 10, Railway Carriage removed out of town from Robert Jensen Park, Brodie Street (previously the Lions/Rotary Park).
	February 15, Flinders River flooded over the bridge, along with Station Creek bridge covered.
	March 4, Peter & Judith Riordan took over ownership of W Laister & Co., Brodie Street, today from Robert & Joan Franzmann and renamed it Monique's Fashion & Giftware.
	March 20, Demolition of old ATCO/Country Workshop at 29 Stansfield Street.
	March, House Numbers were officially changed by Council at the monthly meeting.
	May 18, Val-Lyn Craft moved business from Gray Street (Old TAB Building) to 33 Brodie Street (Older TAB Building).
	July 5, Hon Nita Cunningham, Minister for Local Government and Planning, Officially opened the Diggers Entertainment Centre, 21-25 Brodie Street. Previously Oddfellows/Diggers Hall Site
	July 5, Matron's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball held in the Diggers Entertainment Centre.
	July 25 & 26, Council demolished houses at 34 Beaconsfield Street, 64 Stansfield Street, 14-16 Disraeli Street & 85 Brodie Street.
	July 29, Ray White Rural & Causeway Produce commenced business in old Ergon Building, 27 Brodie Street trading as Australian Land & Livestock – owners Ross Ruddell & Dianne Young.
	July 27, The Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, 45 Gray Street held its final meeting with Worthy Matron Joyce Young & Worthy Patron Nigel Paul.
	August 1, Council demolished house at 4 Beaconsfield Street (this was the old North H'den School from the bottom of Little Avenue in the School Paddock).
	August 2, ANZ Bank, 28 Gray Street commenced operating its' ATM machine.
	August 30, King & Dowling Rural moved from 51 Brodie to 57 Brodie Street operating their business along with Primac-Elders. Owners - Margaret King & Des Dowling.
<b>2003</b>	New residence for Ambulance staff erected in Alyss Street
	July, Flinders Discovery Park established between Monique's Fashions and Information Centre
	August, Footpaths in main shopping area in Brodie and Gray Streets patterned and painted with covercrete.
	September, Skate Park opened next to the Swimming Pool
	Great Western Hotel Motel, owned by Milton & Roberta Morrison for 22 years was sold to Mrs Marilyn Arnett and Michael Cole who also owned the Grand Hotel.
	Stuart Hunter & Associates purchased TAB building, 22 Gray Street.
	September 13 & 14, Invitational Junior Gymnastics Competition and Levels Test – 8 clubs
	St Vincent De Paul relocated from the St Francis School Hall (Children's Disco Hall) to a building purchased from William and Angel Langdon at 23 Gray St. This building was originally the United Graziers Co-operative Shearing Co and had also been used as a laundromat.
<b>2004</b>	Original Ambulance centre in Moran street closed down – erected in 1927
	New Ambulance centre erected on the corner of Betts street and Flinders Highway West
	April, \$30, 000 improvements carried out to Bowls Club – lighting upgrade
	April, New toilet block erected at showgrounds – connected to sewage system not septic tank
	May 7, First North Queensland Local Government Association Conference held in Hughenden
	Hydro harvester on the town common – cutting & piling prickly acacia trees ready for chipping
	Tim Flaherty purchases Chemist and adjoining building from Michael and June Palk.
	July 31 <sup>st</sup> Grand Hotel Closed business –Marilyn Arnett prop. who sold the building to Max & Gina Wallis
<b>2005</b>	July – New streets named in new Industrial Area of Hughenden Lammermoor - in association with the Yirandali Tribal Group (they lived in the Lammermoor – Prairie area) Henry Street – named after Ernest Henry who was credited as being the pioneer of Hughenden.
	Marilyn Arnett sells the Great Western Hotel to Max & Gina Wallis.
	May – 2 new Tourist Drives developed Eromanga Byway and Flinders River Byway
	8 <sup>th</sup> September – last train travelled Hughenden to Winton- rail line being pulled up. Other trains were rostered but all were cancelled. Jeffrey Jensen driver.
<b>2006</b>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Nasr Mikhail (Chemist) leased the Hughenden Pharmacy and building next door (41 Brodie St). Property bought from Flaherty and now owned by a Mr Tieppo.
	February 28 <sup>th</sup> April Chudleigh Park sold to Great Southern Plantations for \$28.5 million 18,000 head of cattle included.
	Flinders Club building demolished – club was formed in 1914.
	September – Grand Hotel Demolition Order Halted for 40 days by Australian Heritage. Owned by Max and Gina (Sourrys) Wallis.
	December 6 <sup>th</sup> - Bob and Linda Downie purchase Great Western Hotel from Max and Gina Wallis.
	Bob and Linda Downie take up the Lease on the Royal Hotel from Max and Gina Wallis
<b>2007</b>	24 February Opening of Mt Walker Look Out by Robert Wearing, Nigel Paul with the Mayor Brendan McNamara cutting the ribbon.
	20 <sup>th</sup> – World Record Sheep Shearing category was broken at the Hughenden Show Grounds when – 709 wethers were shorn in 4 x 2

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	hours runs – 356- by Dave Grant and 353 by Laurie Bateman. Sheep were brought from Dunluce Station and were shorn in the shed at the Hughenden Showgrounds. The records were refereed by the World Record Sheep Shearing Society whose rules require an international panel of three judges be present.
	First time in Hughenden Professional Bull Riders Australia Touring Pro Division Championships held at the Racecourse
	Education Department introduced new Prep School Classification, located at the schools
	Mrs Sally Reddie took over running of Retravision Electrical from her mother, Mrs Beryl Hunter. This building was originally Goldsbrough Mort Ltd Stock and Station Agents erected after the fire of 1952.
	Freehold of Royal Hotel sold to Melbourne interests, name withheld. Downie family continue with Lease of property.
	Hughenden Pharmacy building sold to a Mr Nielsen, business still leased by Mikhail Nasr.
	The grand hotel added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 27 April 2007.
2008	Walking path and Major repairs to Brodie Street, four shaded car parks, garden beds, angle car park markers and new seating around the trees.
	Erected a 35 foot Comet Windmill near the bridge on the Southern Side of the river.
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August – The First Arid Lands Summit Festival – John Richardson with his camel Tyson was the winner -his nephew Rowan Richardson came second – Glenda Sutton for third place.
	14 <sup>th</sup> September – Wrights Motel was gutted by fire – owned by Ozzie and Leanne Krososboro
	Rest Easi Motel owned by Marilyn and Paul Roberts sold after 18 and a half years to David and Lorraine King
	Government reduced Aldermen from 9 to 5.
	Bob and Linda Downie purchase the Grand Hotel from Max and Gina Wallis.
2009	5 <sup>th</sup> January, Graham & Rosemary Sealy purchased the Hughenden Agencies from David and Jenny Murdoch who had the shop for 22 years, now called Hughenden News & Gifts.
	Council carried out the upgrading of the Sewerage System in Hughenden at an estimate cost of \$10 million
	10 <sup>th</sup> June – Eco Walk opened by Betty Kiernan MP Mount Isa Labour Party. Children from five schools in the district planted 150 plants celebrating Q150- the Walk is along the western end of Little Avenue.
	A new equestrian / multipurpose shed named "The Outback Arena" was erected on the Hughenden Showgrounds site, 31m x 66m.
	14 <sup>th</sup> November the first digitisation and GPS of the Hughenden Cemetery by the project team of Suzy Paine, Leah Roy, Grace Worthy and Melissa Driscoll (Project Organiser) was completed
	Exploration for gas is carried out by Origin Exploration Drilling Co at Savage Ridge, Winton Road. Also in the Hughenden Basalt and Torrens Creek area
	Roadtek, Principle Contractor reconstructing a section of the Winton – Hughenden Road near Stamford in lieu of the Railway line being demolished.
	Camden Park Station, owned by the Clements family for 130 years (1879 – 2009) was sold by Mr. Herb Clements to Mr. Wayne Nielson
	Mr Steve Paulger finishes 29 years service as Principal at Hughenden State School.
	Jane and Don Charuba purchased FT Foodmart from Paul Franzmann, (P.A. & M. E. Franzmann, Paul and Merle) and became part of the 'Foodworks' Franchise.
2010	Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June – First Mount Walker Fun Run held, approximately 4 km – boys & girls approximately 2.4km – 1 <sup>st</sup> \$300.00 prize won by Robert Hocking from Townsville, with Deanne Turnbull winning the Ladies.
	Rotary – Lions (Bob Jensen) Park renovated and upgraded new fencing, tree planting, new children's playground equipment, bike tracks and walk way. To be renamed Brodie Street Park.
	Ergon Energy erected new offices and depot in McLaren Street
	New Rectory erected for Catholic Priest in Mowbray Street where old rectory was demolished. This is the third rectory built.
	29 <sup>th</sup> August – The official opening of the State Emergency Services Building on the corner McLaren and Swanson Street by Mrs Betty Kiernan, Member of Mount Isa.
2011	Cyclone Yasi, Category 2, passed over Hughenden with winds 115kph. Fortunately only minor damage occurred. Was a Category 5 when crossed coast of Mission Beach & Tully.
	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> North Queensland Sports Foundation, Xstrata Great Western Games Gymnastic Competition held in Hughenden with 160 competitors at the Show Grounds.
	24 <sup>th</sup> July North Queensland Sports Foundation, Xstrata Great Western Games Horse Soccer Competition held at the Show Grounds.
	Construction of Show Secretary Office using a demountable building taken from the Shire Office site. Located to the west of the Show Pavilion.
2012	Storm – Wind gust 170km/hr recorded 8.04pm on Sunday 22/1/12
	Rainfall, 34mm in 10 mins @ 8.15pm total of 77, in the 24hrs to 9am Monday 23/1/12
	Holden Bakery ceased operating (1975-2012) by the owners Robert & Margaret Holden- due to ill health
	SES Cadets disbanded due to withdrawal of Government funds
	New Council Administration Building erected corner of Gray/Hardwicke St (onsite Flinders Club)
	Old Shire Administration Building was demolished and new car park erected on site
	Ernest Henry Bridge was closed due to flooding. Waters reached 3.2m according to the gauge, meaning the water was 0.7m below the bridge.
	Council upgraded Brodie Street road and installed new garden beds, angle parking and pavers on footpath

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	Government increased Aldermen from 5 to 7
	Retravision becomes Bi-Rite Electrical Company, Mrs Sally Reddie, proprietor.
2013	Lights on the Hill Roadhouse auctioned and sold to new owners: Carpentaria Fuels
	Landmark's adjacent red brick storage building demolished (originally Commonwealth bank building erected 1960) to make way for a larger storage facility.
	3/9 <sup>th</sup> June – Celebrating 150years Chronicles of Flinders Shire.
	22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Official opening Aged Persons Centre, Betts Street by Hon. Bob Katter, Member for Kennedy.
	The town clock erected in the centre of Gray/Brodie Street by local Lions Club in 1968 was relocated by the Council to the centre of Gray Street in front of the Flinders Discovery Centre.
	Ashley & Brooke Gray purchased Holden's Bakery, Stansfield Street.
	Hughenden Girl Guides ceases operations.
	January, Chad and Melissa Driscoll purchased the Ray White Rural & Causeway Produce from Ross Ruddell and Dianne Young.
2014	12 <sup>th</sup> February- Governor Penelope Wensley AC visited Hughenden with her husband Mr. Stuart McCosker.
	9 <sup>th</sup> March- After 114 years Sister Patricia and Sister Ita were the last two Good Samaritan Nuns to leave Hughenden as St Francis School will now be taught by Lay Teachers.
	29 <sup>th</sup> April the Hughenden Airport was closed for a complete reconstruction of its runway, Apron and Taxiway including LED Lighting and line marketing. The Shire now has reputedly the first foamed bitumen constructed new runway in Australia and it has been raised 200mm for flooding. Construction program was compressed from 11/12 weeks to 8weeks. 40000 tonnes of gravel was shifted in nine days. The runway has been upgraded to take a DASH 8-300(50 Passenger Plane) Total Cost was \$9 million. The airport now has an Illuminated Wind Indicator and LED AERONAUTICAL The airport was reopened on the 7 <sup>th</sup> July.
	Hughenden Lions Club - October community meeting held with 13 people interested in reforming the Lions Club in Hughenden. Mid December, the Hughenden Lions Club was officially reformed.
	Jane and Don Charuba's Foodworks receives an award for the Best Foodworks in Australia.
2015	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> July, Glencore Great Western Games Horse Sports Event held in Hughenden.
	18 <sup>th</sup> July, Inaugural Glencore Great Western Games Rugby 7's Carnival held in Hughenden.
	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> July, Glencore Great Western Games Gymnastics Event held in Hughenden.
	Ray White Rural & Causeway Produce sold to Alison and Stephen Vohland, Flinders Rural clothing and Rural Produce.
	21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> August – Inaugural "Freestyle on Flinders" event held in the river banks of the Flinders River. Incorporated into event RV Rally, Qld Opera (The adventures of Figaro) and the 'boat races' in the river bed.
2016	April Council Election- First female Mayor Elected - Jane McNamara. Sean O'Neill, Deputy Mayor.
	RV Caravan Park dwelling relocated to the Showgrounds as the Care takers cottage.
	March – Southern Rural Group (proprietor Steve Heffernan) erected new premise at the rear of its existing business at 27 Stansfield Street. (Previously North Western Motors garage for many years which has been demolished).
	October – Aurizon cut 35 jobs in the district. (Aurizon Holdings Limited is a publicly listed rail freight company in Australia)
	July - Glencore Great Western Games Rugby 7's Carnival held in Hughenden.
	Edgerton Plumbing & Gas Services relocates to 1-3 Lammermoor St on the Industrial Estate.
2017	Installation of 20MW Hughenden Solar Farm, McLaren St, between the Power house and the Sale yards.(BEON Construction Co) Beon will have installed close to 60,000 solar panels, 20MW of utility-scale solar capacity into the electricity.
	National Broadband Network starts being introduced to region. (NBN)
	Hughenden Pony club ceases operating at the Hughenden Show Grounds after 59 years. Club commenced in 1961 on that site.
	22 September Debutante Ball, 9 couples from the community celebrated in style with family and friends
	23 September Cameron Downs State School celebrates its 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	November - Hughenden Crier prints it's final edition after 35 years of publication.
	Hughenden 5 Star Supermarket becomes Hughenden Spar Supermarket
	Bob & Linda Downie sells the Grand Hotel to Flinders Shire Council.
2018	Lights on the Hill Roadhouse change of management from Carpentaria Fuels to BP. Change of name to 'BP, Lights on the Hill' with truck stop facilities and accommodation.
	Kennedy Energy Park is located on Monavale Station approximately 23 km southeast of the township of Hughenden. The world's first on-grid utility-scale hybrid project integrating wind, solar and storage, with stage one generating 43 megawatts of wind, 15 megawatts of solar and four megawatts of battery storage once completed. The \$160 million project combines twelve 200-metre-high wind turbines, 55,000 solar panels, and 4MW of lithium Ion Tesla battery storage. Bill and Rhonda Pitt
	June - Flinders Diesel Service opens new workshop on the corner of Afton St and Richmond Hill Drive by Tim McNamara, proprietor.
	July – 4 original Hospital staff quarters and the resident Doctors flat sold for removal
	Hughenden Recreational Lake commenced construction by contractors Cheshire earthmoving
	October - Inaugural Hosting by the Lions Club of Hughenden the Lions Queensland District 201 Q2 Convention – 'Cooee from the Outback'. Local entrant Mim Crase won the Miss Charity award.
	ANZ Bank closes, only ATM access available
	November 16th, the Grand Hotel was razed by fire. Corner of Stansfield and Gray St. This was the last of the two storied hotels in Hughenden. Police declared a crime scene at the hotel site and are treating the fire as suspicious.
	Tannery Site on Muttaborra Road sold at auction to SJ and SC Reddie Earthmoving.

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	Construction of Hospital self contained units in Betts Street for visiting Doctors and Specialists
2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> February – Ernest Henry Bridge goes under water four times in three days due to unusually heavy rain event.
	Very heavy rainfall continued with major flooding at Walkers Bend on the Flinders river. This rain event caused huge fencing and stock losses across the region. (The unfinished lake was filled and then had to be emptied for works to be completed)
	Replacement of Hospital staff quarters, erected on Hospital grounds
	8 November – Construction Completion Ceremony for the Hughenden Recreational Lake attended by Deputy Prime Minister The Hon. Michael McCormack.
	RV Caravan Park Care-Takers dwelling at Showgrounds relocated to Page St .
	December 15, Hughenden Uniting Church Closing Service presided by Rev Garry Hardingham. (originally opened 16 May 1908).
	Rea family purchased building 25 Gray St at auction from the estate of Greg Anchen. (Anchen's Secondhand Furniture Shop) Originally the building was the office of New Zealand Loan (Stock and Station Agents).
	Stuart and Stacey Christenson extended their business, the Flinders Butchery Shop on the corner of Moran and Resolution Streets, adding a new cold room, office and entrance ramp.
2020	January 26, Hughenden Lake officially opened by Mayor Jane McNamara culminating the Australia Day celebrations.
	Booth Rural takes over Landmark, Rural Outlet, 26 Gray St
	September 2, "Mutt" the Muttaburrasaurus fiberglass replica, has been shifted to new position on the corner of Gray and Stansfield St on the 'Old Grand Hotel Site'
	October 15, Last section of Wright's motel was demolished – Building originally Dalgety's Stock and Station agent (Cnr of Stansfield St & Gray St)
2021	February – Wes and Lyndsey Shultz of Hughenden Tyre Centre sold to National Tyre Traders