**Remembering Territory families**

**Café society...**

By the late 1930s more cafes and takeaways had opened in Darwin. One of the most famous in the pre-war period was 'Zero in the Tropics' owned by the Kafkaloudis family. Jaci O'Brien remembers.

Yes, Zero in the Tropics was a building which was at the corner of Cavenagh and Bennett Street and Zero in the Tropics is renowned for having the first ice cream ever in the Territory – in the Northern Territory. I remember that the type of ice cream first was like a cylinder block of ice cream which was covered or coated in chocolate and they were wrapped up in a waxy type of paper. They were called – of I can’t remember, anyhow, they had the first ice cream; it was a tremendous treat.

Apart from selling actually ice cream from the shop they used to have a little pony cart from which – he made the ice cream in an ice cream churn and we used to buy threepenny cones off him from the ice cream cart as we came out of the school grounds.

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