



HISTORY OF THE ROXY, BINGARA

- 1920** Emanuel Aroney (from the village of Aroniadika, Kythera) arrives in Australia
- 1921** Peter Feros (from the village of Mitata, Kythera) arrives in Australia
- 1923** George Psaltis (from the village of Frilingianika, Kythera) arrives in Australia
- 1924** Emanuel Aroney, Peter Feros and George Psaltis arrive in Bingara. They form a partnership called *Peters & Co* as equal partners and begin trading in a café under the same name on the site of the existing Roxy Café
- 1933** *Peters & Co* purchase the building which houses their café, together with adjoining properties. Architectural plans are commissioned for a modern picture theatre, café, individual shop fronts as well as a guesthouse at the rear of the complex
- 1934** *Peters & Co* relocate their café business across the road in Maitland St (adjoining Clifton's Garage) to continue trading during construction
- 1936** The Roxy opens to the public on the 28th March. *Peters & Co* file for bankruptcy in September
- 1958** The Roxy Theatre closes as a cinema
- 1965** The Roxy Café and residence is annexed from the theatre and is sold as a freehold title. The Roxy Café ceases operation and becomes a memorabilia shop.
- 1989** The Roxy Café and residence is sold to a Chinese proprietor who opens a Chinese restaurant
- 1998** The Bingara Shire Council purchases The Roxy Theatre (and not the Roxy Café and residence that remains a freehold title and continues to operate as a Chinese Restaurant.)
- 2004** The restored theatre re-opens to the public as a cinema, performing arts venue, conference and private function venue. It houses the Bingara Tourist Information Centre
- 2008** The Chinese restaurant ceases operation. The Gwydir Shire Council purchases premises
- 2011** The restored Roxy Café opens to the public
- 2013** The Roxy Museum opens to the public