

CURTIS STREET

(Researched by the Coolamon & District History Group)

A representative townsman and ex-Shire President who played a prominent part in development of this district in many other public capacities is Mr. M.O. Curtis, J.P., who came from Victoria at an early age.

He first settled in the Ganmain district and for several years resided in the Marrar district, farming and dealing in stock. He was one of the early members of the Coolamon Shire Council and the first to advocate the building of the present Shire Hall. He first became a Councillor in 1912-13 under the Presidency of the late Mr. J. W. Rogerson, and was a member of the Council for eight years, during five of which he was Shire President in the difficult and strenuous war years. During the same period he was President of the Coolamon A&P Association and Race Club, while he did valuable and much appreciated work for returned soldiers as President of the Coolamon Repatriation Committee. He was a member of the Bench of Magistrates. Mr. Curtis also served on the School of Arts committee a member of the F&S Association.

Mr. Curtis rendered further service to the district by his organisation of the stock side of his business and the large increase of stock sold at the Coolamon sale yards was attributed to his efforts. Mr. Curtis also took a leading part in the lay affairs of St. Michael's Church, and in that capacity, it was said he rendered valuable service.

