

Businesses and places of historical interest in the Edwardstown 'triangle' bounded by South Road, Sweetmans/Daws Road and the railway line, for the years 1922, 1949 and 1970

In researching this area we chose 1922, 1949 and 1970 because they are years that we have street directory maps for, and so can find locations more easily. Our lists of businesses and places come from the Sands & McDougall directories for 1922, 1949 and 1970. The info in these directories is not necessarily complete.

1922

Edwardstown at this time was largely rural, mainly farms and dairies. Most businesses sat along South Road. The Sands & McDougall directories list 41 premises (businesses & individuals) on western side of South Road.

- Main businesses there were:
 - Maid of Auckland Hotel
 - Pengelly's Furniture Factory
 - Wunderlich Tiles
 - Acklands Chaff Mill

- Small businesses there were:
 - Ditters provision merchant
 - Smith & Dove motor garage
 - De Laine's butcher
 - General stores
 - Grocers, fruiterers & 2 confectioners!
 - A blacksmith
 - A bootmaker
 - A coachbuilder

Occupations:

In the directories, occupations of householders are listed next to their names if they chose to provide that information. Therefore this list is approximate. Many of the occupations would have been connected to the local industries. Cabinet-makers are one of the main occupations, and they were probably employed at Pengelly's furniture factory.

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| • Accountant | • Carpenter/chairmaker x 3 |
| • Baker x 2 | • Carrier |
| • Builder | • Civil servant |
| • Butcher x 2 | • Compositor |
| • Cabinet-maker x 6 | • Costumier |

- Dairyman
- Driver x 2
- Farmer x 3
- Fruit grower x 2
- Fruiterer & Confectioner
- Gardener x 5
- Grazier
- Hair dresser
- Inspector
- Joiner
- Labourer x 6
- Machinist x 4
- Merchant x 3
- Motor driver
- Motor driver x 2
- Packer
- Painter
- Physician
- Policeman
- Polisher x 2
- Postmistress
- Publican
- Stableman x 2
- Station master
- Storekeeper x 3
- Wood turner/machinist x 2

Other important landmarks at that time were:

- **The Railway:** Edwardstown, Woodlands Park and Ascot Park Stations.
 - Ascot Park Station very busy in WW1 as soldiers came and went from Oaklands Army Camp
 - Other 'railway stories' and descriptions are available
- **Edwardstown Institute** building, South Road
 - Important as public gathering place for social and community events & clubs eg RSL meetings
- **Messines Avenue of commemorative WW1 trees**
 - Planted 1917 to commemorate WW1 soldiers of the district
 - Cr Raelene Telfer has great interest in preserving/commemorating these
 - Am trying to find a list of the soldiers who each tree represents
- **Churches:** the Methodist and Baptist churches sat on South Road.
- **Edwardstown Police Station:**
 - Sat on South Road in the middle, near Raglan Avenue.
- **Post & Telegraph Office:**
 - On South Road, near to police station.
 - A central spot for communications in Edwardstown, where people would collect their mail, send telegrams, catch up on the latest news.