

**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.

1949

Edwardstown at this time had grown through increase in population and subdivision. There were still many rural properties, and businesses still lay mainly along South Road. The Sands & McDougall directories list 67 premises (businesses & individuals) on the western side of South Road.

- Main businesses there were:
 - Bone & Sons timber merchants
 - Mathias & Co Ltd furniture factory
 - Maid of Auckland Hotel
 - Pengelly's Furniture factory
 - Wunderlich Tiles factory
 - Acklands Chaff merchant
 - Furness Ltd piano factory
 - SA Rubber Mills

- Medium to small businesses there were:
 - J R Makin fuel merchant
 - Lamson, Paragon Ltd printers & stationery manufacturers
 - Mathius & Co Ltd furniture factory
 - Smalls Ltd furniture manufacturers
 - F W Clayton ice chest manufacturers
 - Adams Fuel Supply
 - Ditters provision merchant
 - General stores/mixed business x 3
 - Grocers x 3
 - Chemists x 2
 - A butcher
 - A baker
 - A draper
 - A cycle maker
 - A boot repairer
 - A land agent

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. Occupations seem to be noted less frequently in the 1949 directory, or perhaps the names without occupations were, simply, residents.

- Accountant
- Baker x 3
- Bank officer x 2
- Boiler attendant
- Boot repairer
- Builder x 2
- Bus driver
- Butcher
- Cabinet maker
- Carpenter x 8
- Carrier x 4
- Chemist x 2
- Clerk x 6
- Coach builder
- Cycle maker
- Dairyman x 2
- Draper
- Driver x 5
- Electrician
- Electroplater
- Engineer x 2
- Fitter & turner x 2
- Fitter x 3
- Foreman
- Gardener x 3
- Grocer x 2
- Labourer x 1
- Land agent
- Machinist x 2
- Manager x 3
- Packer x 2
- Plasterer x 2
- Post mistress
- Poultryman
- Railway employee x 2
- Salesman x 2
- Sign writer
- Storekeeper x 3
- Tailor
- Teacher
- Welder x 3

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:**
 - Both the Methodist and Baptist churches sat on South Road.
- **Edwardstown Police Station:**
 - Sat on South Road in the middle, near Raglan Avenue.
- **Bank of Adelaide**
- **Edwardstown Post Office**
- **Ackland Gardens airfield**
 - Used approx. 1935–1947 by Arthur Henry Wilkins, aerial photographer; the Gliding Club of SA; and others, for take-off / landing & housing light aircraft.
 - Arthur Wilkins held a Government license for the Ackland Gardens Aerodrome of which he was proprietor. Suggested might be suitable for an airport closer to town than Parafield.
 - Wilkins lived on the site – house was next to the strip.
 - Land owned by
 - Ackland Gardens became part of E/town by order of Lands Dept in 1946.
 - Air strip was 900 yards long x 300 yards wide.
 - Several photos, plan and stories are available re this topic.