

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.

1970

By 1970 Edwardstown was well known as one of SA's largest industrial and business hubs. South Road was considered the busiest 'business road' in Adelaide. By the 1970s businesses had also extended into South Road's surrounding streets, with residences still dotted between them. It is easy to see the connection between some businesses, how they would support and benefit each other by being in nearby proximity. Even smaller businesses, such as delicatessens, hair dressers and butchers, probably enjoyed plenty of business due to the numbers of people in the district.

NOTE: Business have been classified here as 'large', 'medium to small', dependant on how many street numbers they took up ie one street number is classified as 'medium to small'. However, some of the 'medium' businesses may actually have been 'large'. It is too hard to tell, from the records used.

- There were 120 premises listed on the west side of South Road in 1970, mostly businesses and hardly any residences. The larger businesses (as suggested by their street numbers extending by more than one number) listed in 1970 along the west side of South Road and in the 'triangle', were:
 - A1 Motor Wreckers, Fred Vella crash repairs, Kain & Shelton P/L transporters (all on one site)
 - Adelaide Brake Service
 - Arkaba Castle Hotel
 - Auto Wreckers
 - Berger Lewis & Sons SA Pty Ltd paint manufacturers
 - Betta Frame Carports & Garages
 - Clayton Furniture P/L furniture manufacturers
 - Dick Martins Auto Spares P/L, Dick Martins trucks, Dick Martin Car Sales Ltd, D Martin used cars (all on one site)
 - Esso LPG depot
 - Furness Ltd works
 - George Bone & Sons Pty Ltd furniture factory
 - Hills Hoists Ltd, Hills Industries Ltd, Hills Distributors P/L, Hills Nominees P/L, Hills Service Engineers Ltd, Hills Printing Services P/L (all on one site)
 - Jansen Motors

- John H Ellers Ltd used car dealers
- John Paul Jones Autos P/L used cars
- Lamson Paragon Ltd printers
- Maid of Auckland Hotel
- Malmo Furniture P/L
- Mathias & Co Ltd furniture factory
- McDonald & Whitrod steel fabrications
- Mining Supplies (SA) P/L, Relays P/L electrical equipment, Welding Industries of Aust P/L (all on one site)
- Motors Ltd car dealers
- Quick Service Station
- R H Burge Chemist & several doctors' practices (on one site)
- Ranelegh Electroplate Manufactured Ware Ltd
- Sherwin Williams & Co Aust P/L, Jenson & Nicholson (Aust) P/L paint manufactures & Rogers Paint & Varnish Co (all on one site)
- South Australian Rubber Mills P/L industrial rubber products
- South Road Disposals
- South Road Motor Wreckers
- Tennant Motors
- Williams & Co Pty Ltd drapers
- Wunderlich Ltd Tileries (became Wunderlich Terra Cotta Roof Tiles in 1978)

Large businesses in the streets behind South Road were:

- Adelaide Concrete Industries P/L
 - Australian Moulded Plastics
 - Bayer Pharmaceuticals
 - Mabarrack Brothers furniture manufacturers
 - Matser Ltd lift engineers
 - SA Potteries Ltd
 - Sterling Pharmaceuticals
 - Turner Manufacturing Co P/L hardware manufacturers
- It is very apparent how much industry has grown and diversified, by 1970. Many industries supported and complemented each other. South Road and the surrounding streets had certainly become a true industrial hub in South Australia.

Medium to small business types listed were:

- Advertising display
- Almond buyers
- Anodisers
- Auto painters
- Automatic fire sprinkler manufacturer
- Bag & paper suppliers/manufacturer

- Beauty salon
- Blacksmiths' products
- Bookbinder
- Builders x 4
- Butchers x 5
- Cabinet makers x 2
- Car/motorcycle sales, new/used x 5
- Carrier
- Chemicals
- Chemist
- Civil engineer
- Clothing
- Commercial oil refiner
- Communication systems
- Concrete
- Contractors
- Copy service
- Cycle works
- Dairy products
- Delicatessens/mixed business x 5
- Digging
- Disposal store
- Distributor
- Doctors x 4
- Draper
- Drawing office
- Dry cleaners x 3
- Electrical & welding equipment x 2
- Electrical contractors
- Electrical engineers x 5
- Electroplating x 2
- Employment agency (Commonwealth Employment Service)
- Engineering x 8
- Fibrous plaster manufacturer
- Florist
- Food essences suppliers/manufacturers
- Freight
- Fruit packers
- Fruiterer
- Furniture shops/manufacturers x 7
- Grain merchant (Acklands, demolished 1976)
- Hairdressers x 2
- Hardware shops x 2
- Haulers
- Heat treatment
- Industrial enamellers

- Industrial equippers
- Instrument makers
- Joinery works
- Laminated fibreglass
- Machinery
- Manufacturing engineers
- Manufacturing jeweller
- Metal polishers x 2
- Metal refiners
- Motor body builders
- Motor engineer
- Motor/engine servicers/spares x 10
- Paint & decoration
- Paint manufacturers
- Pattern maker
- Petrol pumps services
- Pie & cake manufacturers
- Plant hire
- Plant nursery
- Plate glass makers/supplies
- Plumbing
- Precision tooling
- Printers x 3
- Processed metal
- Radio shop
- Real estate x 2
- Refridgerator repairs
- Road makers
- Safety equipment manufacturer
- Salvage & fencing x 2
- Salvation Army Used Clothing Stores
- Saws
- Service stations x 2
- Sheet metal producers/workers x 2
- Shoe shops/repairs x 3
- Shop fitters
- Soft drink manufacturers/suppliers
- Spray painters x 2
- Stationers
- Steel fabricators x 2
- Structural engineers
- Tiling engineers
- Toolmakers
- Trailers and cranes service
- Transporters
- Vinyl/plastics/moulded plastics

- Watchmaker
- Wholesalers & importers
- Wireworkers
- Woodturner
- Woodworkers
- Wreckers/crash repairers x 9

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 are still noted after most residents' names, in the 1970 directory, but there are some with nothing noted. Also, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between residences and businesses

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| • Abattoir worker | • Display man |
| • Accountant x 4 | • Draftsman x 4 |
| • Aircraft engineer | • Driver x 25 |
| • Assembler x 2 | • Electrician x 5 |
| • Baker | • Electroplater |
| • Bank officer | • Engineer x 11 |
| • Barman x 2 | • Engine driver |
| • Boiler maker x 3 | • E&WS employee |
| • Bootmaker x 4 | • Estimator |
| • Brick layer x 5 | • ETSA employee x 4 |
| • Builder x 3 | • Examiner |
| • Building consultant | • Fencing contractor |
| • Business proprietor x 8 | • Fibrous plasterer |
| • Butcher | • Fireman |
| • Cabinet maker x 7 | • Fish merchant |
| • Carpenter x 21 | • Foreman x 3 |
| • Carrier | • Fitter x 8 |
| • Cartage contractor | • French polisher x 4 |
| • Catering assistant | • Furnace attendant |
| • Cleaner x 2 | • Gardener x 2 |
| • Clerk x 26 | • Glazer |
| • Commercial artist | • Hairdresser |
| • Company director | • Holdens employee |
| • Contractor x 8 | • Horse trainer |
| • Customs officer | • Hospital fitter |
| • Die caster | • Hospital orderly |
| • Die setter x 3 | • Ice vendor |

- Industrial engineer x 2
- Inspector x 2
- Insurance agent
- Janitor
- Labourer x 7
- Leading hand
- Lecturer
- Machinist x 4
- Manager x 5
- Mechanic x 6
- Mechanical engineer
- Metal moulder
- Metal polisher/finisher x 2
- Metal worker
- Meter reader
- Motor mechanic x 5
- Motor rider
- Optical mechanic
- Painter x 3
- Painter & decorator x 2
- Panel beater/worker x 2
- Pattern maker x 2
- Plasterer x 6
- Plumber x 6
- Police constable x 4
- Polisher x 3
- Porter x 2
- Postal employee x 12
- Press operator x 3
- Priest
- Printer
- Public servant x 10
- Publican x 2
- Quantity surveyer
- Radio electrician
- Radio officer
- Railway employee x 20
- Sales rep/salesman x 19
- Sales assistant x 2
- Security officer
- Sheet metal worker x 2
- Sign writer
- Spray painter
- Steel worker
- Stevedore
- Storekeeper x 6
- Storeman x 11
- Supervisor x 5
- Tiler
- Tool maker x 3
- Tram employee x 2
- Traveller x 2
- TV mechanic/technician x 2
- Type setter
- Typewriter mechanic
- Upholsterer x 5
- Waiter
- Watchmaker
- Welder x 12
- Wood machinist
- Wood worker

Other landmarks at that time were:

- **The Railway:**
 - Edwardstown, Woodlands Park and Ascot Park Stations.
- **Edwardstown Institute** building, South Road
 - Important as public gathering place for social and community events & clubs eg RSL meetings.

- Its use might have declined somewhat by the 1970s, with the growth of television and other entertainments, libraries and other social centres.
- **Messines Avenue of commemorative WW1 trees**
 - Planted 1917 to commemorate WW1 soldiers of the district, 8 who had died and the rest still serving. Unsure of number planted.
 - Known as Messines Avenue from this time.
 - Cr Raelene Telfer has great interest in preserving/commemorating these
 - Am trying to find a list of the soldiers who each tree represents
 - The Edwardstown Sub-branch of the Returned Services League met in a hall in Messines Avenue in the 1950s.
- **Churches:**
 - Both the Methodist and Baptist churches sat on South Road.
 - There was also now a Catholic church and presbytery on South Road, St Anthony of Padua.
- **Edwardstown Police Station:**
 - Gone. Has moved to the other (eastern) side of South Road.
- **Savings Bank of SA**
 - Now there.
- **Bank of Adelaide**
 - Still there.
- **Australia & New Zealand Bank**
 - Now there.
- **Edwardstown Post Office**
 - Appears to have gone by now, probably due to more postal services being available.
- **Arkaba Castle Hotel**
 - Now there.
- **Ackland Gardens airfield**
 - No longer there. Had made way for growth in housing on that land.