

The Hotel

Bill Shelley

In 1949 Mr Alan Wicks and Mr Don Nicholls purchased three blocks of land from Mr Errol Jenkins, on what was to become the corner of Jenkins Street and Channel Highway, as he was subdividing his dairy farm.

The hotel was built that year at a cost of £19,000, fully equipped, with Mr Alan Wicks holding the first licence. In 1951 he sold the property to a Mrs Jackman who became the second licensee.

The following people have held the licence after Mrs Jackman up to the end of 1986.

Horace V. Smith
Graham Mitchell
Lindsey Davey
Eric Garth
Maisie V. Jenkins
John W. Collins
Edward Miklic
Henry Mikusz
Klaus R. Hennieke
Arthur W. Brill
David W. Strutt
Frank J. Vagunda
Keith A. Chamberlain
Craig Coombs
John W. Smith



Taken from the bottom of Churchill Road, with the foundations of the old shopping centre being put in and Mr Jenkins' dairy on the site of the hotel. Note: Jenkins Street has not been made, 1949.

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