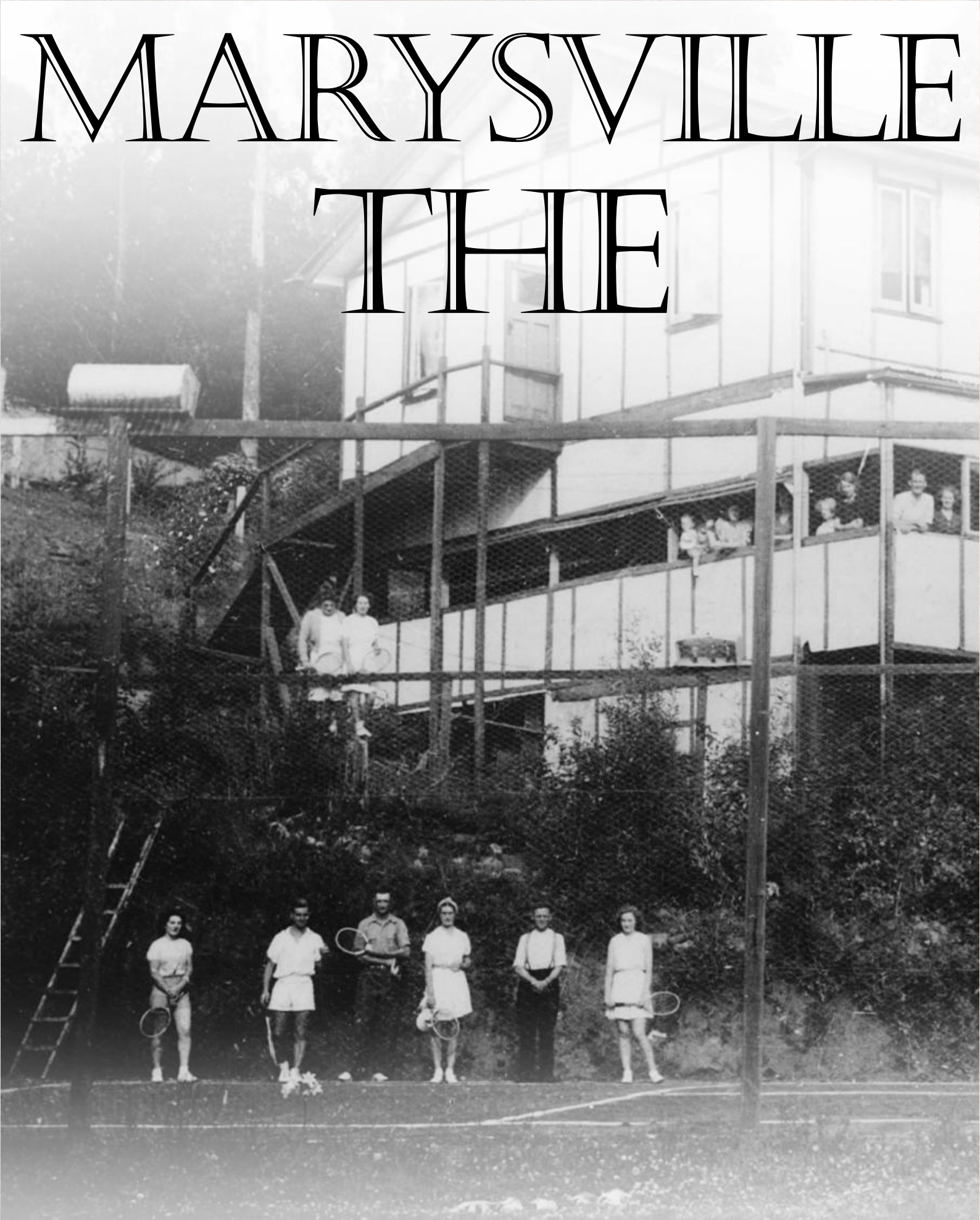


MARYSVILLE

THE



CHALET



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MARYSVILLE THE CHALET

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INTRODUCTION

Name: Marysville Chalet
Location: Overlooking roundabout
Commenced: c1943
Closed: c1957
Formerly: Poontawan Guest House

The Marysville Chalet was a guesthouse located where the Steavenson Hotel first stood, where Poontawan Guest House later operated and on the same block of land where the new Anglican Church and rectory stand today.



The Marysville Chalet was a Guest House located in Marysville. Its phone number was '12' and it operated from late 1936 to at least 1957. It was first under the management of Mr Harrison and could accommodate up to 90 guests.

The property was reported as being set in a picturesque garden setting and early advertising tells us that the business included a tennis court, swimming pool, billiard room, ballroom, clock golf, log fire places, free garages, buses from the city daily, as well as other guest related benefits. It was advertised as being 'convenient to snow sports' as well as having 'internal sewerage' and 'water in all rooms'.



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The property was located on the site of the former Steavenson Hotel, built circa 1865. This was the year after Marysville was first surveyed and the Marysville Land sales were held. At the time of the land sales, the property was divided into four allotments, however they were combined into one allotment by the time of the publishing of the 1866 survey map of Marysville.

The Steavenson Hotel was delicensed and closed, a new business called Poontawan Guest House was opened at the location. Poontawan was advertising as being open from July 1925 and its last advertisement appeared in *The Argus* on Saturday 11 June 1932. It does however appear that guests were still being accommodated at the Guest House some time after this, based on the social pages of *The Argus*.

The Marysville Chalet was first advertising as being open in *The Age* on Saturday 5 September 1936. Its last advertisement appears to have been in the 19 January 1957 issue of *The Argus*. The Chalet building was very large and took up the entire site of both the old Anglican Church (burnt down in 2009) and the church rectory beside the church.

Today this block remains the property of the Anglican Church. The block is located above the large roundabout (on the Marysville Woods Point Road) just near Barton's Bridge. In 2017, work on a new church on the block commenced, with it being nearly finished at the time of the factsheet being published.

TIMELINE

BASIC TIMELINE OF EVENTS

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- c1967** Steavenson Hotel opened on site later used by Marysville Chalet.
- 22 July 1925** The first known advertising for the Poontawan Guest House in Marysville was published. The advertisement read:
- POONTAWAN - Now open to guests, bracing winter climate, every comfort and convenience , central position. W. W. Walker, late The Bungalow.*
(The Argus, 22 July 1925).
After Mr H Walker left the bungalow, it wa taken over by Sydney Elliot, who later renamed it Cumberland House. It was later renamed again to Cumberland.
- 6 February 1926** Newspaper advertisement for Poontawan was published in The Argus. Poontawan was located on the site formerly occupied by the Steavenson Hotel and later occupied by the Marysville Chalet. The advertisement read:
- 'POONTAWAN (tel. 12), now open for tourists wishing to enjoy scenic beauties of Marysville; close proximity to the famous Talbot Drive and Cumberland Valley. W. W. Walker (late The Bungalow).'*
(The Argus, Saturday 6 February 1926).
- The Bungalow was advertising directly under this advert as having ne management and run by Sister Cadwallader.
- 11 June 1932** Last advertisement for Poontawan:
- 'POONTAWAN-Central position, excel, cuisine, reduced tariff, Tel. 12 and Cent. 222. Bert Harrison'*
(The Argus, Saturday 11 June 1932).
- 5 September 1936** Marysville Chalet was first advertised as being open with the same phone number as Poontawan Guest House:
- THE MARYSVILLE CHALLET. Central tenia, every comfort and modern convenience; tariff from £2 2/. Phone M'ville 12. Bert*

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Harrison, proprietor.
(*The Age*, Saturday 5 September 1936).

19 January 1957

Last newspaper advertisement found for Marysville Chalet.

21 July 2017

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28 July 2017

Factsheet released in eSplash178.

April 2017-Present

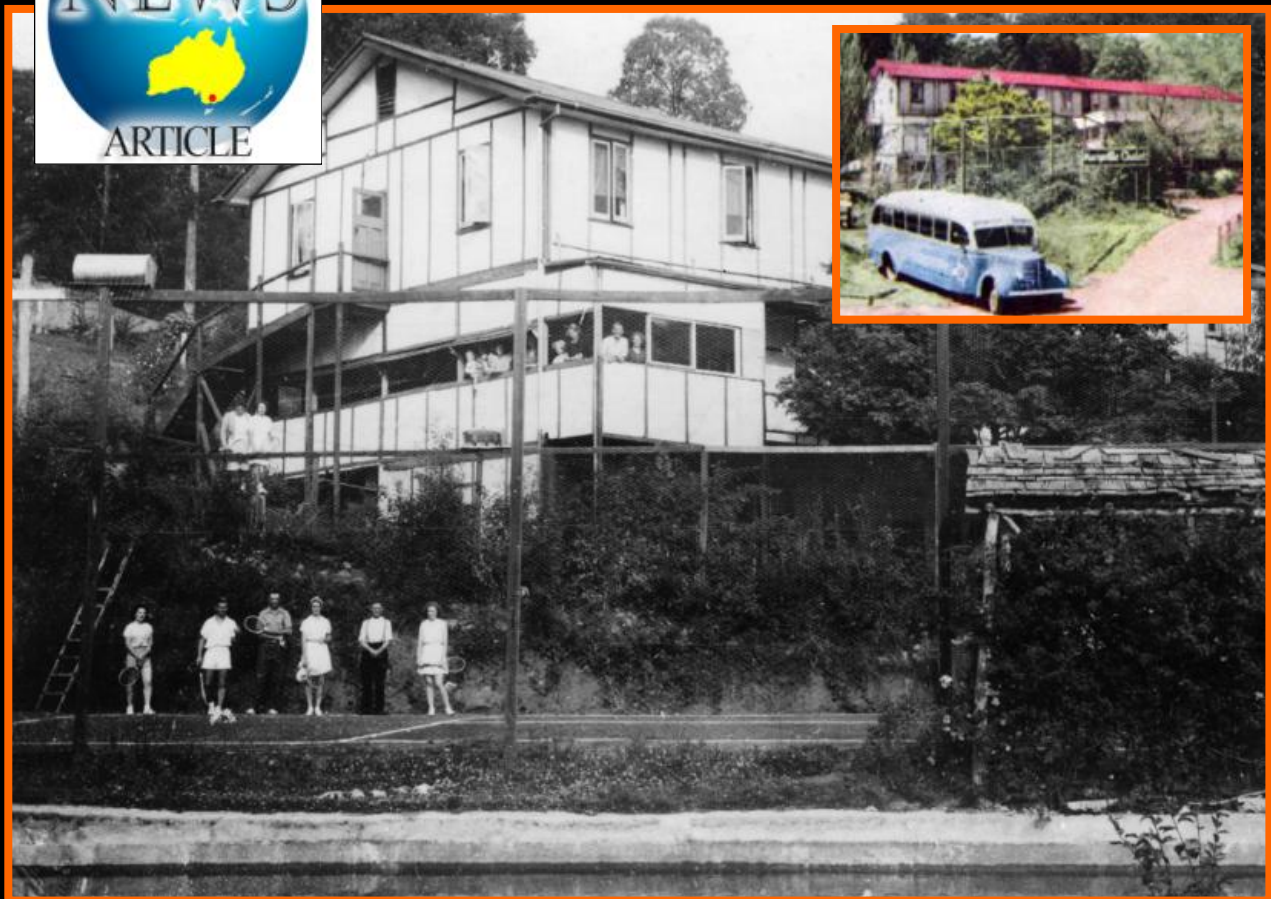
New Anglican Church being built on the site.

GALLERY

SOME IMAGES RELATING TO THE GUEST HOUSE



Postcard of The Chalet Marysville circa 1945



Photographs courtesy Kelly Petersen and David & Debbie Hibbert 2017
Photographer (main photograph) George Rose



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The Steavenson Hotel was located near the Steavenson Crossing and this block was later where the Marysville Chalet was located. The first land sale in Marysville was held in 1864 and this map was dated soon afterwards in 1866.

Courtesy State Library Victoria 2016

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"POONTAWAN," MARYSVILLE, VIC.

Poontawan Guest Hose in Marysville circa 1930 - where the Marysville Chalet was later located

Photographer George Rose
Courtesy State Library Victoria 2017

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“POONTAWAN”

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Marysville

THE IDEAL GUEST HOUSE

Phone: Marysville 12



A most magnificent view can be obtained from all verandahs of the village and of the mountains surrounding the district.

Within easy distance of the far-famed Talbot Drive, Keppel Falls, Stevenson Falls, Cumberland Valley, Eildon Weir, and numerous other drives and walks.

*Abundance Milk and Cream.
Unlimited Hot and Cold Water*

Central Position. Tennis.

W. C. WALKER, Proprietor
(Late of The Bungalow)

TARIFF: £3/3/- per week; 12/6 per day

Christmas and Easter, £3/10/- per week

1931 Poontawan advertisement

Courtesy Tony Ballino 2016

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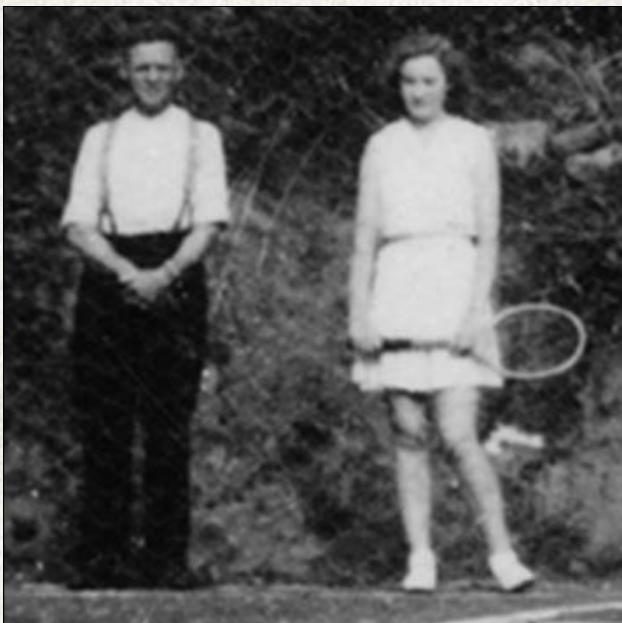
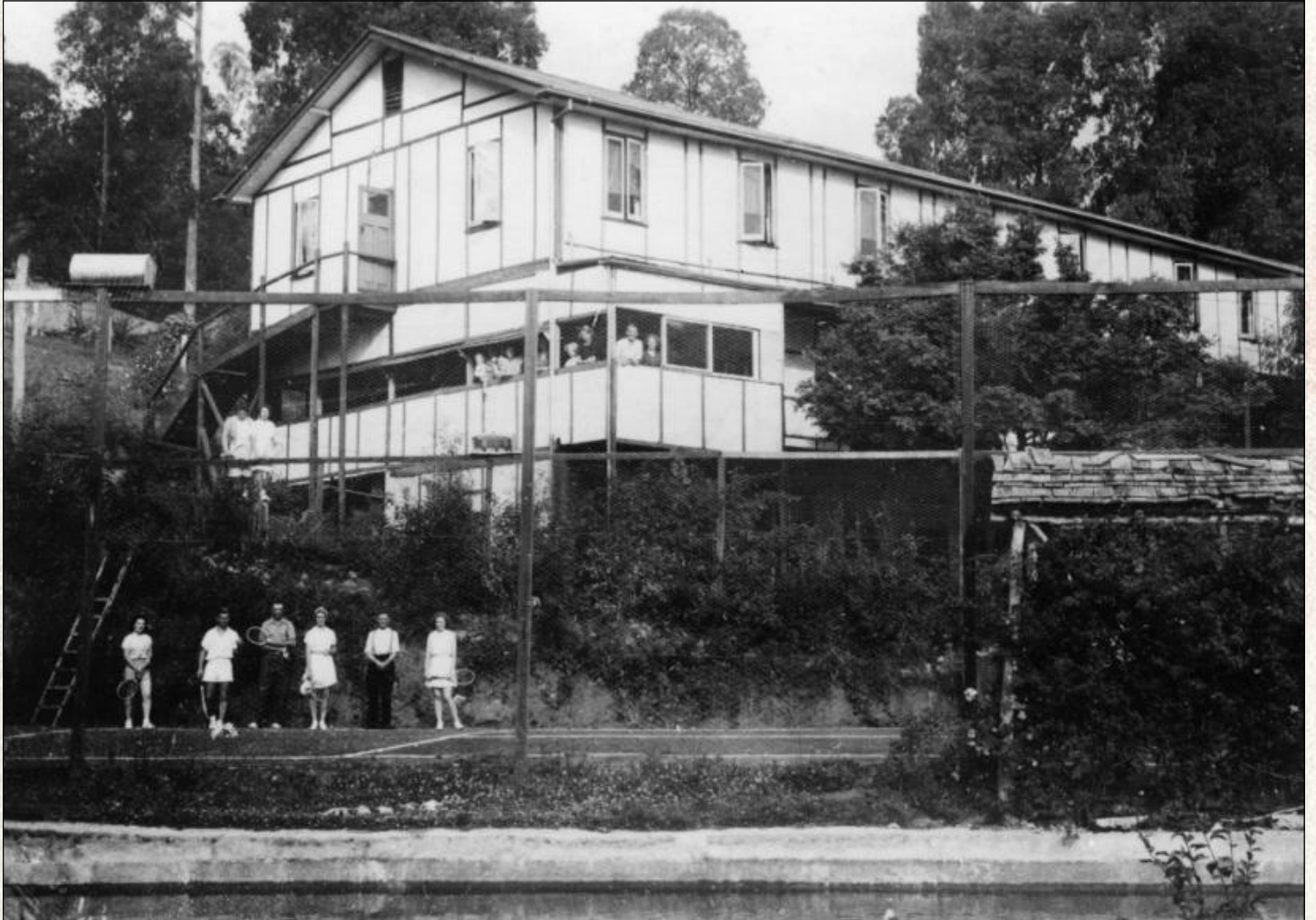


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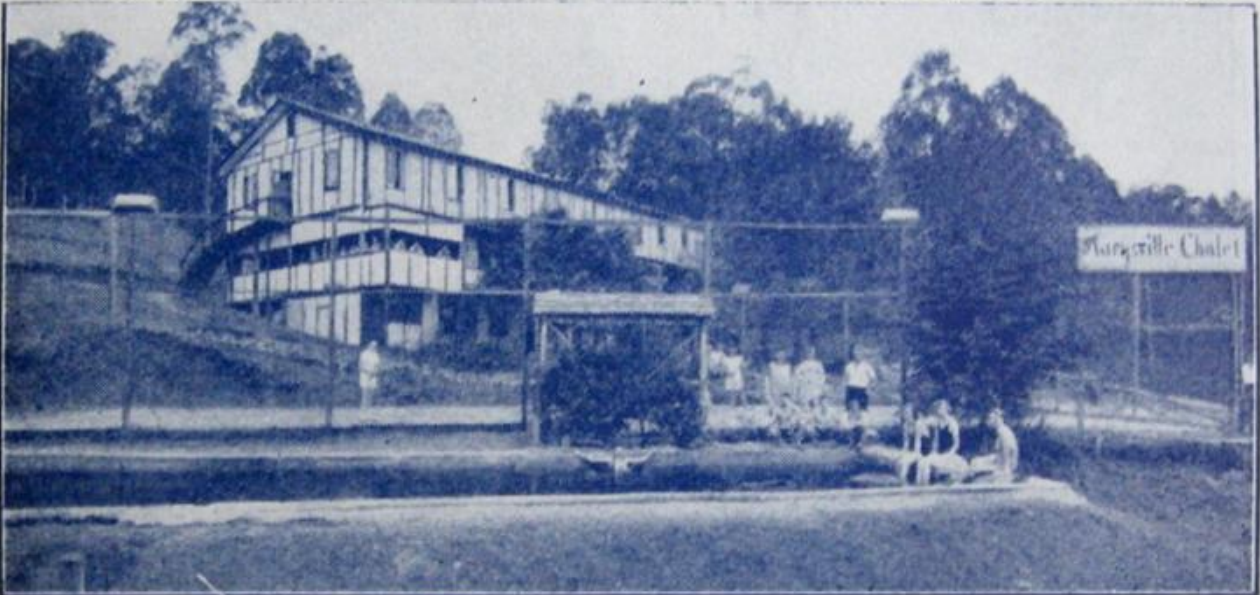
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Majestic Marysville—Stay at **MARYSVILLE CHALET**

MARYSVILLE.

Completely Rebuilt with Accommodation for 90 Guests.
The Chalet is Central for All Beauty Spots, set in Beautiful Garden Surroundings.



Electric Light. Internal Sewerage. Running Water to All Bedrooms. Ballroom. Tennis Court. Clock Golf. Swimming Pool. Log Fires in Winter. Convenient to Snow Sports. Free Garages. Abundance of Milk, Cream and Own Garden Produce.

Tariff on application.

Phone: Marysville 12.

The Chalet is under the Personal Supervision of Owner-Proprietors,

Mr. and Mrs. RALPH ACKERMAN

Hotel and Guest House Directory commences on page 29.

Marysville Chalet circa 1945 - proprietor Mr and Mrs Ralph Ackerman

Courtesy Tony Ballino 2014

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AN IDEAL HOLIDAY FOR REST AND SPORT—AT ALL SEASONS OF THE YEAR

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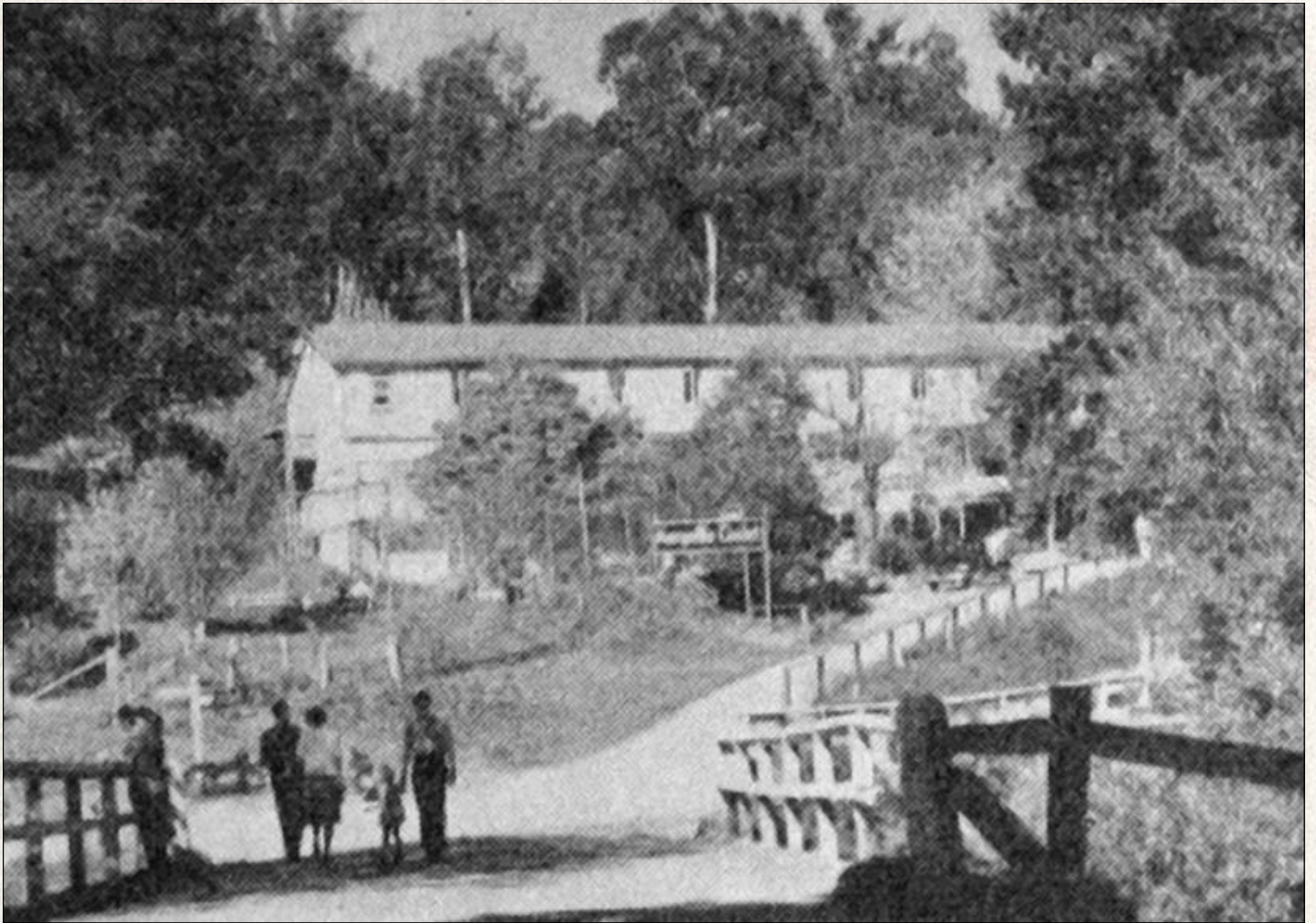
'phone **MARYSVILLE 12**
or ALL TOURIST BUREAUX.

1951 Poontawan advertisement

Courtesy Tony Ballino 2016

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1951 Poontawan advertisement photo

Courtesy Tony Ballino 2016

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Marysville Chalet circa 1950 with a Pioneer bus parked outside. Around this time buses arrived n Marysville from Melbourne City daily.

Courtesy Kelly Petersen & David & Debbie Hibbert 2017

NEWSPAPERS

A SMALL COLLECTION OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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winter climate, every comfort and conveni-
ence, central position. W. C. Walker, late
The Bungalow.**

The Argus
Wednesday 22 July 1925
Courtesy National Library Australia

Poontawan stating they were 'now open' in Marysville in July 1925

The Argus
Wednesday 22 July 1925
Courtesy National Library Australia 2017

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A A. — MARYSVILLE and HEALESVILLE.

DIRECT DAILY by ROCHE'S,
The Original Marysville Service.

Cars Leave Mutual Store Daily at 9 a.m.,
Saturdays, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Sundays, 10.30 a.m.

FARE — £2 RETURN. DAY RETURN, 30/.

No Mails or Parcels to Hamper You.
Passengers Called For by Arrangement.

Book at TIPPETT and BRETT, 314 Collins st.
Cent. 222 and 223. After hours, Chelt. 400.

K ERAMI, unrivalled position; every comfort,
H. and C. water, club tennis; best Aust.
wines. Misses Bolam and McGowrie. Tel. 1.

G LASGOW FARM (Tel. 7), new and comfort-
able, on Stevenson River; good fishing; own
cows and produce; garage. Mrs. A. Walker.

K OORINGA. — H.W. service, gas, sewered,
garage, club tennis, swimming bath. Miss
Olive B. Pitman. Tel. 2.

M OUNT KITCHENER HOUSE, the most up-to-
date house in district. Tel. 10 Marysville
or 4593 Central.

N ARBETHONG HOUSE, in Marysville District.
—Balconies, tennis, croquet, billiards, fish-
ing, shooting, dancing, all mod. convs.; motor
trips arranged. Tel. Narbethong 2.

P OONTAWAN (tel. 12), now open for tourists
wishing to enjoy the scenic beauties of
Marysville; close proximity to the famous Talbot
Drive and Cumberland Valley. W. C. Walker
(Gate The Bungalow).

T HE BUNGALOW (tel. 3), under new manage-
ment. Comfortable, up to date; tennis.
Sister Cadwallader.

T HE FALLS.—Good Accommodation; moderate
tariff; central. Tel. 5. Mrs. H. Oxlee.

T YRONE.—Ideal Farm House, on Stevenson
River; abundance milk, cream; H. and C.
baths, garage, tennis, clock golf, dancing floor,
hot water service; good shooting; afternoon tea,
supper; saddle hacks, vehicles; no vacancies Eas-
ter; tariff, £2/10/. R. Scott. Tel. Buxton 1.

W YCH CROSS, the best-equipped house; own
tennis-court, swimming pool, clock golf,
dance floor, &c.; H.W.S., gas and water in bed-
rooms; cows, ponies; male chef. Tel. 4 Jellicoe.

Poontawan advertising in The Argus from
in February 1926 along with other Marysville
Guest Houses

The Argus
Saturday 6 February 1926
Courtesy National Library Australia

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THE MARYSVILLE CHALET, central, tennis, every comfort and modern convenience; tariff from £2 2/. Phone M'ville, 12. Bert Harrison, proprietor.

The Age
Saturday 5 September 1936
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First advertisement for The Marysville Chalet on 5 September 1936

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FIRST CLASS CUISINE
ELECTRIC LIGHT, BALLROOM, LIBRARY,
TENNIS COURT, SWIMMING POOL,
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SEWERAGE,
RADIO, TROUT FISHING, HATCHES
AVAILABLE, GARAGES, LOG FIRES
WINTER, ACCOMMODATION FOR
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● TARIFF ON APPLICATION ●

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late of ELSTERNWICK - CENTENARY HOUSE.

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Marysville Chalet advertising

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MARYSVILLE CHALET. — SUA
accom., all amenities, vac.
now, ring Marysville 12 or WB2669.
R & E Ackerman

The Argus
Saturday 19 January 1957
Courtesy National Library Australia

Last advertisement for The Marysville Chalet on 19 January 1957

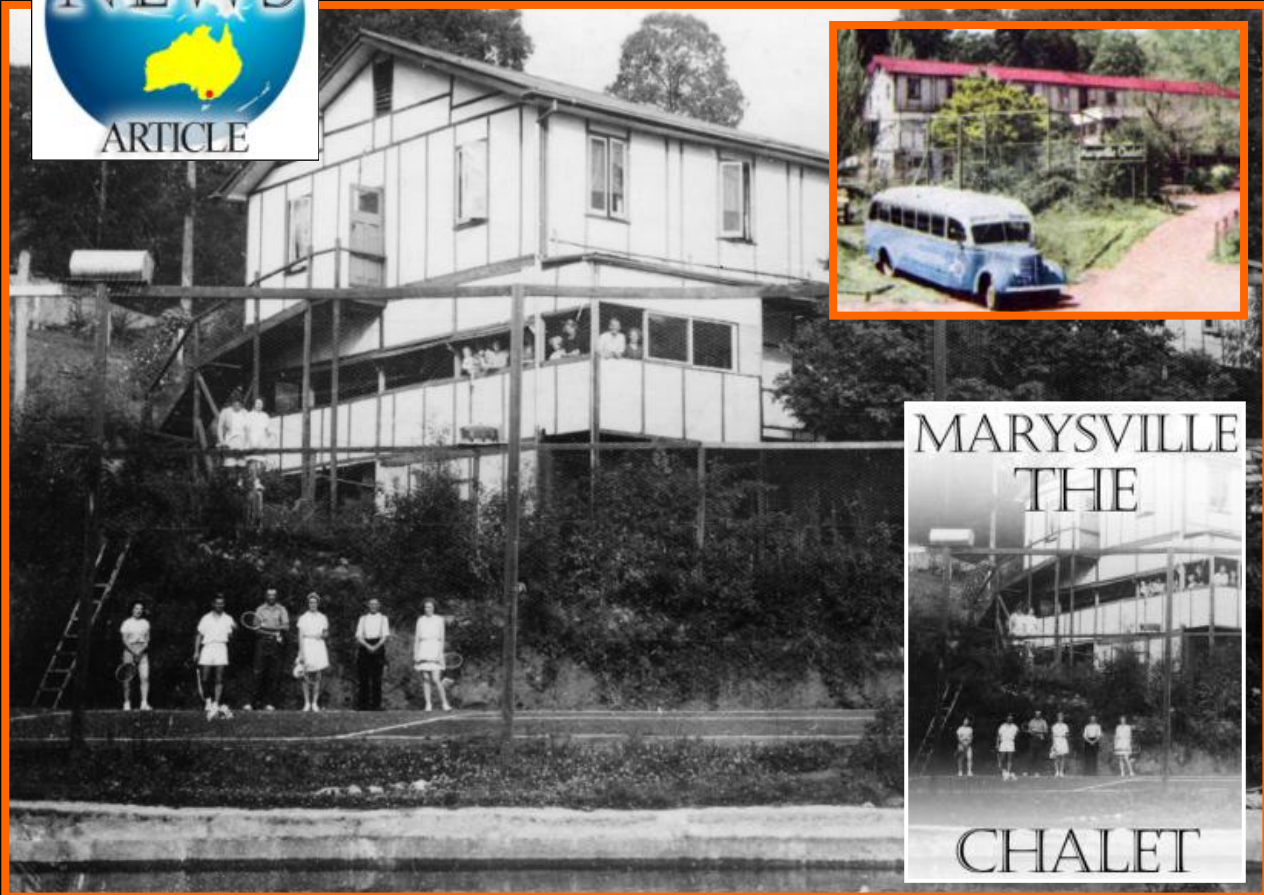
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