

Greenlands

Originally **THE SPOT** then **Greenlanes**



Sarah and Murdock McLean established '**The Spot**' guesthouse between Murchison and Sedgwick Streets west of Lyell Street from the late 1920s. The ownership of the property stayed with the McLeans until widower Murdock McLean's death in 1954.

Geoff Cobb took over management and announced that Green Lanes/Greenlanes would be opening from 1 October 1938. In 1940 Geoff Cobb is advertising for a main waitress for Green Lanes.

This advertisement was posted regularly in The Argus from 1940 to 1942 with changing rates by Geoffrey Cobb -

Mville GREENLANES - You'll find the ideal holiday home away from home. £3/3/-. 16 or Cent 22. Geoffrey Cobb.

Greenlands was one of the guesthouses used to accommodate Melbourne school children in 1942 when their schools were evacuated to Marysville.

With the end of WWII many establishments were changing operators and/or renovating ready for the return of holiday makers.

Starting in March 1945 and throughout this year, Mrs Cath Anderson regularly advertised accommodation at Greenlands, Marysville. Apply by letter.

In order to operate guesthouses a boarding house license was required from Healesville Shire. 1946 Mrs Cath M Anderson applied for such a License for Greenlands¹.

With the war over Mr & Mrs A G Clarke took over the building and in October 1946 announced that Greenlands would be closing for renovations.

The Argus, 7 June 1947

GREENLANDS. - Under New Management. Best position in Marysville for beautiful panoramic views: tennis-courts, billiards, table tennis, dancing, swimming, fishing, riding, and shooting; E. light. H.W., wireless, milk, cream, and poultry: aft. tea and suppers. For better meals and accommodation, phone Marysville 40. Mr, and Mrs. A. G. Clark, late Second A.I.F.

1949 A G Clarke applied for a boarding house license from Shire of Healesville. They would run Greenlands until the end of April 1950 when E Pigdon became the new manager. Advertisements continued through til December 1951 when E Pigdon's name no longer appeared. The property was still being advertised in 1952.

In October 1954, with the property owner widower Murdock McLean's death, the property was put up for auction. It was in fact sold privately before the auction.

AUCTION

"Greenlands," Marysville 2 STOREY, TIMBER - 28 ROOMS.

Large Verandahs, Equipment, Furniture, 3 Acres Land.

Wide-Frontage to Main Road: Centre of Town. Suitable

Guest House, Staff Holiday Home or Rest Home .

EXCEPTIONAL TERMS: 25% Deposit, £25 per Month,

Including Interest at 5%, Balance at end of Five Years.

ON THE PROPERTY,

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1954, at 3 PM.

WALTER MASSE, Y ESTATE AGENT, HEALESVILLE - Tel. M'ville 212

H. J. B. STEWART, AUCTIONEER, WARBURTON - Tel. Warburton 118

Agents in Conjunction.

Through the late 1950s to the 1980s Greenlands became a boarding house for locals. Bert Patterson was one of the last owners².

Situated in Sedgwick St just above Lyell St - it was a smaller guest house operated before the war by Mr Geoffrey Cobb after the war someone else took it over. In my early days it was owned by Mr Bert Paterson a carpet layer who lived in Melbourne. It was divided into flats and run as a boarding house it became very run down and in the end it was demolished.

from Reg Dean's memories written in 2003.

McLean Street off Sedgwick street opposite where Greenlands stood is named for the McLeans.

Greenlands Guest House Open

After the 2009 fires Dr Lachlan Fraser whose original house on the property burnt down, rebuilt a large house suitable for guesthouse.

I've finally completed the rebuild of my home at Marysville, bigger and brighter than before, as "Greenlands Guest House". The name comes from the former lodgings on several blocks that accommodated 50 guests and was demolished in the 1960s. With everything else going on, the planning took two and a half years and the construction over the past year by Alexandra builders Stace & Newman. The five bedroom house can sleep up to nine people, with modern furnishings, a spa bath and grand views over the valley and mountains framed by large picture windows. It's been a huge job, selecting fittings and furnishings, and now completing the landscaping myself. Digging the red mud of Marysville in the rain for the raspberries and boysenberries is an endurance event!

Come along to see the results on Saturday 25 May

Open House 12 noon - 2 pm. Lachlan Fraser

Triangle News, 24 May 2013



¹ A 'Greenlands' guesthouse existed in St Leonards Rd, Healesville til the 1915 and the property continued to be called Greenlands into the 1950s

² Discussion on Marysville & Area Then and Now facebook page. January 2019