

MARYSVILLE CHALET

originally POONTAWAN
on STEAVENSON HOTEL site

Location

On the left-hand side of the Main Rd over the Steavensons River when the road turned right to Woods Point before the Buxton was made on the left. It was on the site of the current Christ Church Vicarage (2020).

Marysville Chalet Bert Harrison

Lists of guests at the Marysville Chalet at Christmas 1938, Easter 1939 and at Christmas 1940 appeared in The Age.

The Age, 13 March 1939

MARYSVILLE. CHALET, new, mod, accom. 90; tariff. £2 10/; every . sporting facility; personal direction. Apply all tourist bureaus or owners, Harrison. Mille 12.

Margaret Harrison gave birth to a daughter at Marysville Chalet on 31 July 1939. Bert Harrison was still advertising in 1944.

In 1945 when Bert wanted to sell the Marysville Chalet he had to obtain adverse possession of the property. It is interesting to note that the guest house was in fact on five titles.

The Argus, 7 June 1945

GEORGE WRIGHT, of Marysville, is the registered proprietor. Albert Harrison, of "Marysville Chalet," Marysville, guest house proprietor and Joseph Waring Neill, of Seaman's Mission, Townsville, Queensland, student holy orders, have applied for a Vesting Order, vesting in them for an estate in fee simple, free from encumbrance, the land described below. The Commissioner of Titles has directed notice of the application to be advertised in the "Argus" and has appointed twenty-one days from the advertisement, after which time the application may be granted unless a caveat is lodged forbidding the same. Dated 5th June. 1945. LAND.-Crown Allotments 1 and 3, section F, township of Marysville, parish of Steavenson, county of Anglesey.

Marysville Chalet

Elise and Ralph Ackerman

Elise and Ralph Ackerman came from 'Centenary House' (private guest house) in Elsternwick in 1945 to be proprietors of the "Marysville Chalet". The family, son Frederick, a waiter and father, Richard assisted at the Chalet¹.

The Argus, 17 October 1945

MARYSVILLE CHALET announces limited vacancies up to Xmas, under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ackerman, late of Elsternwick Centenary House and Port Fairy. Phone M'ville 12.

In July 1946 an Advertisement for Ackerman's Marysville Chalet announced the re-opening date of 17 August, under new management. This was after the Ackerman's had renovated the property.

The Argus, 31 October 1949

MARYSVILLE CHALET

Accommodation now available. Excellent cuisine. Modern refrigeration Hot and Cold Water in bedrooms. Spacious sun-room, full size billiard table, tennis, swimming pool, electric light, garages, ballroom, many sporting facilities. Families catered for. Mr. and Mrs. RALPH ACKERMAN. late of Elsternwick. Phone: Marysville 12. Tariff now £4 10/-
NO VACANCIES DEC. 24 to JAN. 9.



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"MARYSVILLE CHALET" MARYSVILLE, VIC.



Chalet in the snow 1950s. Bill Meier

Ralph and Elise Ackerman are still advertising the Marysville Chalet in 1957. They bought Roseleigh Guesthouse, demolished and rebuilt it as four flats one of which themselves lived in until their deaths in 1978 & 1984.

The Chalet the last decade

Mr John van Ranglerooy bought the Chalet from the Ackermans² about 1960 and ran it as a first class restaurant and boarding house for four years. John, a Dutchman, was a chef at the Oxford Hotel before he ventured to Marysville³ with his wife Pieterella and sons Johan jnr also a chef and Keith who was woolclasser.

The van Rangleroos returned to Melbourne before 1966.

Then Joe and Kathy Keithard lived in the property⁴.

The Age 14 Nov 1966 (from Google News Archives)

\$10,000 fire at Chalet

The old Marysville Chalet, in Cumberland Road, Marysville, was almost destroyed by fire early on Saturday.

The chalet had accommodation for 100 guests. Only one severely damaged wing of bedrooms was left standing after the blaze.

The old fibro-sheet three-storey building had not been used for two years and no one was in the premises at the time.

Most of the town's 800 residents watched members of the local fire brigade and firefighters from the Forests Commission battle for two hours to bring the blaze under control.

Damage is expected to be at least \$10,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

It was sold to Mrs Louisa Goding who organised for it to be pulled, resubdivided into five titles and sold them all⁵.

¹ 1949 Electoral Roll

² Ackerman, Lou conversation 7 Jun 2015

³ John van Ranglerooy and family photographed on the evening of their Naturalisation ceremony in 1955.

⁴ Reg Dean's memories

⁵ From MDHS pre2009 notes