

POONTAWAN

renamed **MARYSVILLE CHALET**
originally on **STEAVENSON HOTEL** site

Location

On the site of the early Steavenson Hotel which was on the left-hand side of the Main Rd over the Steavensons River where the Buxton road joins the Woods Point. This was on the site of the current Christ Church Vicarage (2020). There is a postcard from the early 1900s showing the back of the Steavenson Hotel. Did it survive to be part of Poontawan or was Poontawan a new building?

A 1920 Advertisement shows Miss M Irvine as proprietor. From Miss Irvine the Poontawan passed into the hands of Mr Ern Waite who was advertising accommodation at Poontawan in 1925. Ernest Pericles Waite was a photographer¹. He leased it to Mr William Charles Walker.



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"POONTAWAN," MARYSVILLE, VIC.

The Argus, 10 June 1925

POONTAWAN. Now open to guests, bracing winter climate, every comfort and convenience, central position. W. C. Walker, late The Bungalow.

The Argus, 7 Aug 1926

POONTAWAN (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 (late The Cumberland²).

The Age, 29 September 1928

"POONTAWAN" Marysville, central; tariff
£3 3/; tennis. Phone 12. W. G. Walker, late of The Bungalow.

In the early 1930s Poontawan was sold to Mr Bert Harrison.

The Herald, 29 Jan 1932

"POONTAWAN." — .The Ideal guest House. Central position; Magnificent view, Excellent cuisine, tennis. Write for booklet, or ring Marysville 18 and Cent 223. Bert Harrison.

The 1934 electoral roll lists Albert Harrison, chef and Margaret Harrison, home duties at Poontawan, Marysville. Bert Harrison changed the name to the Marysville Chalet sometime in the mid-1930s.

See separate document for Marysville Chalet.

¹ From 1925 electoral roll

² The Bungalow renamed The Cumberland.