

Licensed victuallers and owners/lessees of the Metropolitan Hotel, Grote Street Adelaide, 1858 – c.1958

Identifier	Date from		Date to		Est tenure (mths)	Publican/licensee	Owner [Significant lessee]	Notes {fragmentary, very possibly inaccurate}
	Month	Year	Month	Year				
1	12	1858	4	1871	148	PENALUNA, John	PENALUNA, John	Retired
2	4	1871	9	1876	65	McFIE, Mrs Mary (née SQUIER)		b. c1834 (or 1832); arr 1853 per William Stewart; m. Daniel McFie, 1853; div. 1870 (cruelty); d. 13 March 1911 (aged 77) (Near) expiration of lease?
3	9	1876	6	1877	9	SULLIVAN, Morgan		Poss b. 1825 Poss arr. 5 July 1848 per Westminster ex Plymouth Poss d, 23 July 1886
4	6	1877	3	1881	45	LEY, George		Circus - Ashtons, on Central Market grounds Concert Hall, 1878 "Death: LEY—At his residence, the Jolly Miller Hotel, Hindmarsh, George Ley (late of the Metropolitan Hotel, Grote Street), in the 49th year of his age. Deeply regretted." c.25 March 1882
5	3	1881	6	1881	3	KELLY, James		Certificate granted 1 March 1881 to 14 June 1881 Contractor?
6	6	1881	12	1883	30	CROCKER, Robert	[John Penaluna died 14 December 1882 Property transferred to executors, Benjamin John Horatio Penaluna (son, clerk) and William Dunstan Thomas (grocer), 21 March 1897(?)]	Certificate granted 22 June 1881 to 13 September 1881 Circus performances (at hotel), May 23-28 1881 Mrs R Crocker, d. 2 Jan 1882 aged 53 Crocker insolvent by April 1884
7	12	1883	3	1884	3	WILSON, John William		Certificate granted 24 December 1883 to 11 March 1884 Possible insolvent baker and storekeeper, East Adelaide, April 1883
8	3	1884	9	1884	6	BRETT, Thomas		New applicant for Old House; also application to "Remove Licence to other Premises" (opposed), both granted, 20 March 1884 License transferred to LEE, 9 September 1884
9	9	1884	6	1891	81	LEE, John Philip		Sublease for new Metropolitan, Resigned from Lic Vict Assoc (and committee), April 1884
10	6	1891	11	1892	17	MURPHY, Dansey (Daniel?) Ambrose Joseph & Edward Thomas Bernard MURPHY		Certificate granted 3 April 1891 to 9 June 1891 Dansey Murphy: amateur actor as well as publican Son of John Murphy, Criterion Hotel (Robe) d. Jan 1902 (Gilles Arms Hotel) Edward T Murphy: publican (Gilles Arms, 1909)
11	11	1892	9	1893	10	FERGUSON, Edward		
12	9	1893	3	1899	66	LEAHY, Patrick		License transferred, 14 September 1893 License struck out, March 1899
13	3	1899	6	1908	111	NORTH, James "Frank"		Certificate granted 17 March 1899 to 13 June 1899 b. c1860; d. July 1926 (aged 66) "a great theatrical house" Quiz, 19 Oct 1906, p.10

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14	6	1908	3	1910	21	WEIDENBACH, Edwin	Sublease portion Weidenbach to Michaels and George, fishmongers, 29 May 1909 Sublease portion Weidenbach to Corp City Adelaide (for urinal off Pitt St), 23 September 1909]	Application for additional bar (one) granted 14 September 1909 b. 10 Dec 1851; m. Minna Helen Bergmann 12 March 1879; d. 1 May 1927?
15	3	1910	9	1916	78	MOORE, Richard ("Dick") Ralston	[Benjamin Penaluna died 20 March 1912; Property transferred to daughters of John Penaluna: Diana Annie Elizabeth Chambers, Mary Jane Penaluna, Rebecca Amelia Helen Penaluna and Caroline Alice Selina Penaluna, 25 February 1914]	Certificate granted 26 January 1910 to 8 March 1910 Application for additional bar-rooms (three) granted 8 March 1910 m. Mary Adelaide Davis, 26 January 1910; d. 1934 Sportsman, mostly 'coursing'; ran "a strong kennel [of greyhounds] at the Metropolitan Hotel" Supplied "spiritous liquor" for first(?) Anzac Day parade, Adelaide Oval, October 1915
16	9	1916	1	1917	4	WEIDENBACH, Edwin		
17	1	1917	6	1919	29	BARTRUM, Sydney Roe		Certificate granted 25(?) January 1917 to 6 March 1917 Publican's and billiard license refused 4 March 1919; BARTRUM four convictions, "not a fit and proper person to be licensed" (March 1919); involved in bribery 'scandal' (June 1917) and subsequent libel case (November 1919) 1917-1940s, large number of convictions incl failing to enrol on Electoral Roll, unlicensed wireless, diluting spirits etc.
18	6	1919	6	1923	48	BARTRUM, Ethel May [P.?		
19	6	1923	6	1925	24	PADDON, Hugh	[Sublease portion Ethel Bartrum to Prodrimos Constatine, restauraunter, 28 July 1921]	b. 31 March 1862; d. 8 May 1929 President of Lic Vice Assoc, 1915-1917; member for 25 years
20	6	1925	3	1928	33	DREYER, Gordon Ridley		b. 5 March 1895; m. Phyllis Clare Carne Brownlow, ????; d. 2 December 1944
21	3	1928	12	1929	21	DREYER, Stanley William Carl and Gordon Ridley		Stanley DREYER: b. 28 September 1891; d. 16 December 1959 "New Applicants in 'Respect of Previously Licensed Premises—Publicans' and Billiards and Temperance Permits" Lease mortgaged to Walkerville Cooperative Brewing Co, 8 January 1927, 15 December 1929, 28 July 1932
22	12	1929	6	1934	54	DREYER, Gordon Ridley	Property transferred to Charles Penaluna Chambers, Rebecca Amelia Helen Penaluna and Caroline Alice Selina Penaluna, Arnold Meredith Moulden (solicitor), CT 1599/26, 25 January and 4 May 1932	Certificate granted 17 December 1929 to March 1930 (Permit. Section 198) [Stanley DREYER to Duke of York, 1929-1934]
23	6	1934	12	1935	18	McLAUCHLAN, Allan Nairne		b. c1887; d. 21 February 1951

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24	12	1935	12	1944	108	DREYER, Gordon Ridley	[Leased to Walkerville Cooperative Brewing Company Ltd, 5 tears, 7 March 1937; under-lease to Stanley and Gordon DREYER, same day] [Lease transferred to the South Australian Brewing Company Ltd, 6 October 1938, 5 years, 7 March 1942] Property transferred to Charles Penaluna Chambers, Rebecca Amelia Helen Penaluna, Executor Trustees and Agency Ltd and, Arnold Meredith Moulden, CT 1796/66 8 May 1942 Death of Rebecca Amelia Helen Penaluna, last surviving child of John and Jane PENALUNA, 10 November 1943; property transferred to various descendants	Gordon DREYER died (suddenly) 2 December 1944 Certificate granted 23 December 1935 to March 1936(?) Underlease mortgaged to Walkerville Cooperative Brewing Co, 24 May 1937, 28 July 1932
25	12	1944	4	1947	28	DREYER, Stanley William Carl	[Leased to John August Pierce, 5 years, 6 March 1947]	Certificate granted 15 December 1944 to March 1945(?) (Permit. Section 198) Incorporation of Metropolitan Hotel Ltd, 4 March 1947
26	4	1947	1	1951	45	FAUL, Leonard Thomas	[Leased to Metropolitan Hotel Ltd, 3 years, 6 March 1950, 6 March 1953, 31 March 1956, 31 March 1959 (CT 2517/56), 31 March 1962...]	Certificate granted 3 April 1947 to March 1945(?) (Permit. Section 198) FAUL manager for Metropolitan Hotel Ltd
27	1	1951	2	1954	37	BAVERSTOCK, Leonard Stanley		Certificate granted 2 February 1951 to March 1951(?) (Permit. Section 198) BAVERSTOCK manager for Metropolitan Hotel Ltd
28	2	1954	3	1957	37	BOWIE, Howard James		BOWIE manager for Metropolitan Hotel Ltd
29	3	1957	1	1961	46	SEXTON, Kevin John		SEXTON manager for Metropolitan Hotel Ltd
30	1	1961	3	1961	2	SEXTON, Phyllis May		neé Lake Certificate granted January 1961 to March 1961(?) (Permit. Section 198) SEXTON “manageress” for Metropolitan Hotel Ltd
31	3	1961	1	1962	10	SMERDON (formerly SEXTON), Phyllis May		New “manager for and on behalf of Metropolitan Hotel Limited as from 7/1/62.” [CAMPBELL, R F]

Summary

Number of licensees (excluding multiples)	27
Average duration of license, months	40
Number of female licensees	3
Percentage of female licensees	11%
Number of owners	1