

Barwell Avenue Businesses

Barwell Avenue was named after Sir Henry Barwell, Premier of South Australia from 1920 - 1924.

Barwell Avenue businesses began as tents, followed by wood and iron buildings over the 1920's.

Ron Gambling with "Rhubarb Bray" are thought to have been responsible for replacing a number of the Barwell Avenue shops for brick and concrete buildings with a number remaining at the present time.

Left side of Street beginning at Town Oval (as per map)
February 2021

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Present Location - Vacant land - 2021

Gilbert Plant - Plant's Engineering and garage

Site of first petrol pump on Barwell Avenue - 1926

Taken over by Gilbert's sons - Rex and Horrie (Owned by Plant's for approx. 40 years)

BP garage / service station - Alby White - Atkin - mechanic

Alan Pickering - sold in 1998 to Dermoldy Fuel Co.

Demolished 2009

Lane way / walkway between vacant land and shop for sale (formerly B&B's)

Watchmaker - Mr Geoff (Godfrey) Sterzl

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Currently vacant shop - 2021

Land purchased by Joe Kilgariff who built large hall

Used as Picture Theatre - leased to George Hodgson - 1922 - 1924

1924 - leased to Les Appleton and HJ Ede

1928 - Bought by Les Appleton until about 1930.

Hambours - Russel and Hazel Wood

B & B's Fashion and Fabrics - Barry and Blondie Wyman

B & B's Fashion and Fabrics - Kelli Wyman (Closed 2018)

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Currently Yoga Studio - 2021

Barber - Ken Coates

Hairdresser - Lorna Heinicke

Norma's Hairdressing - Phil Hatch

Gift shop

Shoe Shop - Shona Horsley

Shoe Shop - Jenna Hoffman

Dress shop – late 1980's – Peggy Ball
Cheryl's Tots to Teens
Pop up shop – clothing

4 – 38 Barwell Avenue

Currently Wild Stylz Hairdressing - Emma

Began as – Renfrey's Bakery (New shop built by Hugh Meredith) Finished in the 70's.
Dress Shop – Country Girl
Wild Stylz Hairdressing – Karen Klingbiel

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Currently Wine Merchant - 2021

Began as Mick Hayward's bicycles
John's Sport Store
CIC Insurance Agent – Les Rashleigh
Hairdresser – Carol Rashleigh
Riversun Citrus – John Henwood / Dennis Hodgson

6 – 34 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Electronics – Neville and Pam Anderson – 2021

Jameison and Plant – erected a small shed as Barmera's first garage - 1921
Stockel and Weste Electrical – 1946, became Colin Weste Electrical
Barry Hembling Electrical
Barmera Electronics – Neville and Pam Anderson

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Currently privately owned - 2021

Dentist - Bob Tanko – 1969?
Became extension for State bank

8 – 32 Barwell Avenue

Currently Pop up shop – miscellaneous – toys, craft supplies - 2021

State Bank
Manager – Mr Wilson – early 1960's
St George Bank (Westpac) – 1998 Closed 2018

#9 – 28 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Newsagency – Trudie and Peter Biddle

Original shop was at the back of the current shop facing Laffer Street.
General store – December 1919 - Mr W Struthers - added Post Office but not official
Sold to Army Navy Stores - 1922 - Closed 1924
Managed by Jack Irwin
Taken over by Bill Garrard, Andy Collins and Bert Whitmore
Bert Whitmore took over shop as a butcher.
Bruce Garrard built corner shop - 1936
Bill (father)/ Bruce (son) Garrad – General store before becoming Serwell until 1957

The following owned the store as a newsagency

McLeod's – 1978 Also Westpac bank

Mike Minns, - 1970's

Helen and Richard Pedler – 1980?

Graham Williams

Robert and Leona Hamood

Martin and Nikki Hill – 1998-2005

Robyn and Denis O'Dea - 2005 – 2019

Trudie and Peter Biddle - 2019 -

#10

Currently Vacant

Next to Newsagency – built onto corner shop at later date

Bottle shop – Lakeside Cellars – 1987

Computing/programming – Matt Book

Pet accessories shop / carpet off cuts

#11 - 26 Barwell Avenue

Currently Atonik Hairdressing - Nikki

Vacant land for quite a while – tin fence had Drive-in billboard

Chemist – Russell's Chemist

Trevelyan gift shop – early 70's?

Judy's Cut n Curl – Judy Baker

Atonik Hairdressing - Carol Rashleigh - until 2016 (Nikki now managing)

Walkway

Peter Arnold's MP Office at back.

#12 and #13

Originally 3 shops in this area until Trevelyan built two larger shops:

SHOP 1 – A Najjar - Haberdashery, shoes

Barmera Butchers - Dollard brothers

Len McBride

Wright's Butcher - Darcy Wright

Hefford's butcher

Price Right Meats

SHOP 2 Eitzen's Shoes / Sports

Super Clean Dry Cleaners – David Hyde

Hernes

SHOP 3 – Chemist – K R Mullens – 1940's

Chemist – Dennis Trevelyn and Russell

#12 - 22 Barwell Avenue

Currently Bauers Accountants - 2021

Casa Mia Gifts

#13 - 20 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Pharmacy

C.J.P Bruce - 1919 - tent followed by weatherboard lean-to - Hairdresser, shoe repair,
Tobacconist, newsagent

Barmera Pharmacy - Paul and Jenny Keane

#14 - 18 Barwell Avenue

Currently Big River Supermarket - still owned by Eudunda Farmers

Frank A McBride - first business on Barwell Avenue - vegetables and cool drink

Built boarding house at rear.

Draper and mercer - Roy Forde - established after his shop was destroyed by fire - 1924

Eudunda Farmers

Big River IGA Supermarket

#15 - 16 Barwell Avenue

Currently Vacant Shop

Barber / fishing tackle - Ken Coates

Mrs Dansie's Frock shop

Haberdashery - Miss Rohlach - Babies and Children's Wear

Elders Real Estate - Graham Nitscke

Barmera Deli

#16- 14 Barwell Avenue

Currently Celeste Leckie beauty shop - 2021

Drapery shop - Miss E Formby followed by Ray Forde - 1921

Shop was burnt down 1924 and he moved to Frank McBride's building.

Butcher - Mr Ballard

Butcher - Arnie Hoffman (managed by Ron Hazel - 1951/52)

Butcher - 1963 - Hoffmans Remodelled shop 1964

Ron Hazel remained manager until retirement in 1980

Butcher - Sonny (new manager)

Butcher - Remains as manager until purchased by Jo Hermanson (brother) in 1985

Jo and Jenny Hermanson remain as owners until 2000.

Butcher - Winnen (2000)

'Dal Barista' Coffee Shop - Annie and Jon Ivanovic - 2004-5

Dress shop - Claudia's - Sandra Wright

Dress shop - OMG Style - Corrina Wundenberg

#17 - 12 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Jewellers

Mercery business

Newsagent - Len Seafang - late 1940's until 1970

Jolly's Sports Store / toys / music

Sport's Store - Matthews - Lyn Jupp worked there

Café Expresso – Dee and Reuben

#18 - 10 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Jewellers

Barber/tobacconist – Bros Baynes - 1921

Bros opened a billiard saloon behind his shop

Built two shops in 1928 (#17 and #18) #18 - "Tobacco Box"

John Baynes (son) continued hairdressing until early 1970's

Yakka Bar – Coffee shop – Di and Graham Setaburg

Ian and Dianna Hamilton

#19

Currently Vacant

Aird's Deli – Neil Hobbs

Ken's Deli

Sincock's Deli Des Doig Bob Pilmore Angelos Tolios John and Betty

Beech Chris and Eddie Kempka Peg and Herb Nitscke Sue Caddy (Grant)

John and Sophie Gekas Keryn and John Glens

Paul Butterworth Ian "Plug" Penno

Skinny shop (part of Deli)

Jukebox - Sincocks - 1960's

Video shop

Fish and chip takeaway

Sitting area – "Internet café"

Real Estate on window

✿ First business in Barwell Avenue was located in this area.

General Store - Miss E Formby (Mrs Driscoll) - early 1920's

Became draper and mercer business - Roy Forde

1924 - destroyed by fire

#20 - 6 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera's Bakery - Angus and Tammy Boase

Renfrey's Bakery - George and Phyliss Renfrey

Bakery - Bill Paterson

Bakery - Peter and Shona Boase

House where eatery is now: Residence for bakery (Renfrey's)

#21 4 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Public Library

Vacant land until Barmera Library built in 1961

Librarian – Jan Wallage (6 months)

Di Tillet

Peggy Germein

#22 4 Barwell Avenue

Hawden Chambers

Mr and Mrs Jessop – tailor - 1921

Remodeling of hall front (Hawdon Chambers) – 1938

Office for Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre
(moved to the Barmera Hotel)

Public library returned to Hawdon Chambers from about 1950 until 1961.

#23

Soldier's Memorial Hall

Built in 1929 – used by RSL until 1958

Barmera Institute Library located in hall – 1929 (Bill Rogers as librarian)

Cobdogla Council offices – 1929

Public library – early 1930's – Bill Rogers (librarian)

(Council name changed to The District Council of Barmera) – 1937

Bob Tanko – dentist. Late 50's

#24

Bonney Theatre

Currently includes local Art/craft display and sales and the Theatre Gallery

Foundation stone laid and theatre opened – 1938

Building contracted to R.L (Ron) Gambling

Included a Lolly shop for theatre

#25

Barmera Visitor Information Centre

Site of original trailer pump for the Barmera Fire unit.

Office for Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre and Travel and Tourist
Bureau - 1986

CROSSING THE STREET AND GOING BACK TOWARDS LAKE BONNEY

Rocky's Country Music Hall of Fame

Originally housed the fire truck and equipment for Barmera Emergency Fire Service.

Moved to larger facility behind United Petroleum Service Station with State Emergency
Service - 1991

Club Rooms for Riverside Rodders – early 1990's

Transformed into Rocky's Country Music Hall of Fame - 1995

#26 – 1 Barwell Avenue

Post Office – Opened 1925

#27 – 3 Barwell Avenue

Currently Steve's Denture clinic

Post master's residence
Private home

#28 - 3 Barwell Avenue

Currently Encounter Church

Wood and iron shop – A.E (Bert) Noble – 1930's
Operated during war years by A.J. (Arch) Warnock
Rosenthal's car sales
Bank of South Australia – amalgamated with State Bank – closed - 1984
Council offices in side entrance off Colonial Court - 1986
Christina's Curtains in front

#29 - 5 Barwell Avenue

Currently Colonial Court (a group of 9 shops/offices)

Current Shop Front – Tony Quinn Accounting (Shop 1)

Motor garage – 1927 – George Hodgson
Followed by Keith Rumbold
Motor Engineer – Tom Brady – early 1940's?
Followed by Chris Allen, Harold Tuit
Rosenthals's showroom / garage and repairs
Scadden's gift shop

#30 – 7 Barwell Avenue

Currently Symo's Auto Know

Service Station – K.D.Rumbold – Early 1940's? - Petrol pump on kerb – Shell
Rendezvous Café – Fish and Chips - Jo and Mick Simovic - Charlie Simovic
Shoe Shop / Repairs – Morrie Toole
Doug Vaughan Shoes
Helen's for Shoes

#31 – 9 Barwell Avenue

Currently Balance Movement physiotherapy and pilates – Hannah May Boylan

Deli – Scarlett's
Deli – Brian Jupp
Deli – Mike Burns
Deli – Malcolm and Kerry? - 1980's
Second hand shop
Christina's Professional Curtain Making

#32 – 11 Barwell Avenue

Currently Hairdresser – Hair and Beauty Presinkt

Dress Shop – Mrs Reich – 1960's
Ivan Paul – sports store
Pet store – Harry Hastwell, Deb Drogemuller
TAB – 1974

Funky Kids clothing – Joanne Hughes - 2003
Tattoo Presinkt – Logan Coy -2016 - 2021

#33 - 13 Barwell Avenue

Currently Barmera Op Shop

Rumbold Electrical – Keith Rumbold – 1950's
Shaws Riverland Sales & Service – electrical/jewelry/gifts – Rex Shaw -1987
Gift store

#34 - 15 Barwell Avenue

Currently Rollbusch Quality Meats

1940 – Tailor
Barnett's Dry Cleaning – 1950's/60's
Barmera Dry Cleaners – Les Hearne
Murray Bacon Specialists – Managed by Lionel Borgas, Ben Gun, Fred McLean
Fruit and Veg Out – 2009
Barmera Meat Store – Kelvin Carter – Carter's Quality Meats

#35 - 19 Barwell Avenue

Currently St Vincent DePaul (Vinnies)

1922 – Bakehouse run by William Garrad, Andy Collins & A E Whitmore (Later passed on to Bruce Garrad.)
Westpac bank – from 1960's

#36 - 21A Barwell Avenue

Currently Riverland Remote Control Hobbies

Hayward's Bicycles
Hair Dresser – Mrs Payne Wendy Wright
Games "Arcade"
Pleasures Lingerie and swimwear – Joanne Hughes – 2009
Riverland Fine Foods – Dave and Sue Whitbourne
Riverland Remote Control Hobbies

#37 - 21 Barwell Avenue

Currently being developed - Café Espresso

Extension for Deli – eat in – Take away
El Toro Take Away – Gordon and Gail Curtis
Games area – pinball machines/arcade games – 1980's

#38

Currently being developed - Café Espresso

L. R. Appleton – smallgoods and café - 1922
Simpson's Deli – 1960
Ernie Battams – 1960's
Clive Brookes – Deli – late 1960's

Gordan and Gail's Deli – Gordan and Gail Curtis – 1970's
Lockett's Deli – 1980's
Peter and Loretta Nitscke – Deli
Magic Lake Cafe

#39

Currently vacant

Vacant land with small shop behind Bishops – liquor store?
Bank of New South Wales followed by the Savings Bank
Coombes Electrical
Clothing – Sindos?
TAB - 2001
Video shop – Focus Video
Karada Skin and Beauty
Accountant

#40

Currently vacant

Barmera Butchers – PA & J Pollard

#41

Currently leased as hand-made merchandise

Originally two shops
Shop 1 – D J Underwood & A M Ramsay Chemist shop plus alcohol
Kevin Mullen - 1935
Shop 2 – H J Ede – hardware and carrying business
Ben Stidiford - fruit and vegetable business in 1930's
Present shop constructed in late 1930's by Reg and Gert (Gertie) Bishop
Bishop's Tea Shop – 1938 – 1960's?
Became known as Bishop's corner
Giftware – Indian style
Photo Framing – Sewing classes in cellar – Ann Klingbiel
Red Daisy – gifts – 1974 – 1978?
Lakeside Menswear – Kym Pedlar – mid-1980's?
Jeweller – 1980's?
Dressmaking shop – Lorraine Marter
Town and Country Photographics – Tracy and Darrin Axon – followed by Mary Hemmerling
Coffee Shop – Middleton's
Giftware

#42 - 31-33 Barwell Avenue

Blacksmith and Chaff Store facing Bice Street – Bill Osborne
1922 – H M (Mutt) Hooper built shop – dairy produce and newspapers
Later added Post Office and telephone exchange

Barmera Hotel - License granted - 1930
Barmera Hotel Association formed - 1932
Officially opened 1932 with manager as W.E Dobson
Manager - 1935 - Allan Tonkin
1947 - R.L.D Bonnar
Second storey extension completed - 1936
Hotel maintained gardens in the Barwell Avenue median strip
Housed public library in 1936
Office for Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre (from Hawdon
Chambers)
Tourist office - John Nitscke
1966 - 1968 : Peter and Betty Hall - managers
Building of two storey motel units - 1980's
Sold to private owners - 1992

Possible Barwell Avenue stores but unknown location.
Electrical store - Laurie Dalton - 1937
Café business - Les Appleton - Early 1920's - possibly sold to Allan Bone
Vegetables/drinks - boarding house - Frank McBride
Hairdresser, boot repairer, newsagent - C.J.P Bruce - 1919
National Bank 1922 - 1928

If you have any information that can help fill some gaps or corrections to this document
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