

**Item name:** Paleface Park - Queensland Hotel Site**Location:**

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**Address:****Planning:** Southern & Western**Suburb/nearest town:** Temora 2666**Local govt area:** Temora**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Address:****Planning:** Southern & Western**Suburb/nearest town:** Temora 2666**Local govt area:** Temora**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:** Queensland Hotel**Area/group/complex:** Central Conservation Area**Group ID:** 1**Aboriginal area:** Wiradjuri**Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:****Group:****Category:****Owner:** Local Government**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:****Former uses:****Assessed significance:****Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** Contributing: Site only, now built over by Paleface Park, originally the site of the well-known and historic Queensland Hotel, which dignified this prestigious corner of Temora's main street.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** In the 1902-04 Rates records Arthur Boxall was the owner of the weatherboard hotel on the site, valued at 500 pounds. Mrs Kierath was the occupier, followed by M. Shields during 1904. In 1903 the owner appeared as John Brett (sen) and the occupier was A.H. Schwartz. In the Rates of 1906, Arthur Boxhall was the owner, with Michael Shields as the occupier, its improved value was placed at 1,400 pounds and in 1906 its value was listed as 2,400 pounds. It was sold to John Penfold in the 1909 - 10 period, and had Mary Jane Penfold as the lessee. In 1914 its value was 7,800 pounds, and during the 1917-22 Rates period John Penfold remained the owner, while one lessee was Asken Joseph Shappere. In the 1926-28 rates period it was owned by the Estate of John Penfold and occupied by Deid Bushman. During the rate period of 1929-31 the ownership appeared to have changed from the estate of John Penfold to Denis Crowley and Gladys Janet Miller of 36 Ethel St., Eastwood, while Deid Bushman remained the occupier. In the 1938-49 period of Rates, ownership changed to Tooth & Co.

Insert from "A Stroll Around the Streets of Temora"...

"A suitable place to begin your stroll is Paleface Park. AS the name suggests, the park area was named after the champion pacer, Paleface Adios, and his likeness is immortalised in a statue centred in the park.

This prestigious corner of Temora's main street was previously occupied by the Queensland Hotel, built originally as a simple timber structure in the early days of the gold rush, then reconstructed as a majestic brick premises in 1912.

The hotel was demolished in the early 1970's and the site was officially opened as a public park on 19 November, 1988."

## QUEENSLAND HOTEL

The Queensland Hotel stood at the corner of Hoskins and Loftus Streets, being diagonally opposite the Royal Exchange Hotel (now Sadie Michael). The site is now occupied by Paleface Park.

Originally a weatherboard building, it was established in 1880 by David Wright, who had the licence from September 1880 until June 1882. The hotel had 26 rooms exclusive of those needed by the family. When David sold the hotel to Henry Boxall in 1882, he became the licensee of the Queensland Hotel in Barmedman.

Henry Boxall disposed of the Royal Hotel at Lower Temora to Thomas Small to purchase the Queensland Hotel. He held the licence from July 1882 until February 1884, but unfortunately passed away on February 23, 1884. His wife Emily took over as licensee from February 1884 until August 1890 but she also died, passing away on August 20, 1890. This created a problem as their son Arthur had been given the hotel but other members of the family had been excluded. There had apparently been plans made to dispose of the hotel, but Arthur was the licensee of the hotel from September 1890 until 1894.

In Equity yesterday an ex parte application was made for an injunction to restrain the defendant in the suit of Neville and another v. Boxall and another from disposing of the Queensland Hotel, Temora. It appeared from the evidence furnished to the court that in 1884 defendant's father, who was the lessee of the hotel in question, died intestate. Letters of administration were subsequently procured by the widow, who afterwards acquired the freehold of the property. On her demise she bequeathed all her property to one of her sons, the defendant, leaving the other children out of the will, and they now instituted proceedings to prove their claims upon the estate. His Honor Mr. Justice Owen granted the injunction until next Friday.

The Queensland Hotel had its fair share of tragedies with people taking ill, falling over balconies and even suicides of residents or their staff.

On Friday (May 17) Mr. Reginald Dowling, an old and respected resident of this district, and at one time part proprietor of Wandary station, passed away at the Queensland Hotel, Temora, where he had been ill since the previous Monday, suffering, we are informed, from typhoid. His funeral, which was largely attended took place at Temora on Sunday (May 19). Deceased, who was well known all over the colony, and leaves many relatives in and about Forbes, was an authority on stock matters, and one of the first to introduce fencing on the runs in this district. Much sympathy is expressed for his bereaved family. (1889)

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Annie Leahy became the licensee from 1895 until 1897, followed by Michael Patterson from 1898 until August 1901.

Arthur Kierath followed on in 1901 until April 1902. During that time one of his workers drowned in December 1901 and he himself passed away on December 12, just prior to that unfortunate event.

Early on Wednesday morning the body of Bridget Skelly was discovered in an underground tank at the Kierath's Queensland Hotel, Temora. She was a servant at the hotel named, and it is supposed she took the fatal step through jealousy. At the inquest it was elicited that she was to have been married next January. She was last seen alive at about half-past 1 o'clock on Wednesday morning. A verdict of suicide while suffering from temporary insanity was returned.

Well known businessman, John T Brett was licensee for part of the year in 1902, followed by August H Schwarze in 1903 and Michael Shields from 1904 to 1907.

In 1904 Mr. J. W. Colless, railway station-master, was entertained by a number of friends at the Queensland Hotel, Temora, on Tuesday night, on the eve of his departure for Parkes, and was presented with a purse of sovereigns.

Patrick J O'Connor was robbed at least once during his short tenure. Mr. O'Connor, licensee of the Queensland Hotel, Temora, yesterday sustained a severe loss. A cash box, containing £68 that he had kept under his bed was stolen.

Patrick J O'Connor was the licensee in 1908, followed by Thomas B Anthony from 1909 until 1910.

An old resident- of the Temora district, Mr. Thomas Barrie Anthony, passed away in the Temora District Hospital (1937). The late Mr. Anthony was 63 years of age, and came to Temora 32 years ago from Burrowa, his birth place. He then conducted a refreshment room business, later disposing of this to conduct the Queensland Hotel. He later disposed of this to purchase the Club House Hotel, now defunct, as successor to the late Mr. Saunders.

In January 1910 Frederick von Sass Nadolong was charged with false pretences by giving a valueless cheque to T B. Anthony, of the Queensland Hotel, Temora. T. B. Anthony, lessee of the Queensland Hotel, gave evidence that accused was staying on his premises, and tendered a cheque for £20, drawn on the Queensland National Bank, South Brisbane, in payment of board, lodging, and refreshments. The cheque was returned by the bank with the answer 'No account.' The accused subsequently pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months imprisonment in Young Gaol.

The hotel was bought by John Penfold in about 1910. He held the licence from 1911 until 1917.

It is reported that Mr. A. Boxall has sold the freehold of the Queensland Hotel, Temora, to Mr. John Penfold, for £4,800. Mr. Penfold was formerly licensee of the Grand Hotel here, and relinquished business about a year or so ago.

The old Queensland Hotel is being pulled down, and a two-storey brick place is being erected in its stead. The corner of Hoskins and Loftus streets will then have some fine buildings on it, there being the Bank of New South Wales, Royal Exchange Hotel, Union Bank, and the Queensland Hotel on the respective corners.

A complete description of the recently opened hotel was given in the Temora Independent on November 23, 1912.

The Queensland Hotel, occupies the premier position of the town, and is owned and occupied by Mr. John Penfold, who a few months ago demolished the old wooden structure, which did service since the early days of

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Temora. Recognising the stability of the town and district, Mr. Penfold spared no expense in the erection of a hostelry, which is unquestionably second to none in the southern district. Mr. W. J Monks, of Wagga, was the architect, and the contract was let to Mr. J. D. Taylor of Sydney, for £8000, while the whole of the work was under the personal supervision of Mr. E. E. Corner, of Sydney. The cost of the building should be sufficient to satisfy the public that it is palatial and up-to-date in every detail – the best that could be procured. We congratulate Mr. Penfold, as well as the architect, contractor and overseer on the splendid monument which is now presented.

This fine building, which is a two storey, is situated at the corner of Hoskins and Loftus Streets, and comprises forty-six rooms, as well as a large cellar, the dimensions of which are 32ft x 17ft. There are three bars of octagan (sic) design, with canopy tops, the size of each being 16ft x 18ft 6in, with doors leading to each compartment. The front doors are of lead light and rough cast glass, and are both novel and attractive. The bar counter is fitted with the latest beer engines, nickle (sic) plated; also marble mantles and tiled hearths. The dados of the bar and the halls are of green floral pattern tiles, while the ceiling throughout the building is of Wunderlich, picked out in various colors (sic) of different and very attractive designs.

The vestibule or main entrance is one of the features of the building and is 18ft x 8ft, with mosaic tiled dado with floral panells (sic) and white marble steps.

Another admirable feature is the spacious stair-case hall, which is 25ft x 14ft. Here, too, there is also a mosaic tiled floor, which (sic) dado of cream floral pattern. The first stair case is 6ft. wide and of the latest design, while the two dividing staircases leading from the landing to the first floor are each 3ft. wide.

The dining room on the ground floor is large, well ventilated and beautifully furnished, its dimensions being 29ft. x 19ft. It is fitted with chair and picture rail, the fittings being of stained mahogany, while the mantles are of marble and the hearths tiled. The doors and windows are fly proof.

There are four parlours, one being specially for ladies and another for commercials. They are all fitted with marble mantles and tiled hearths.

The kitchen, which is one of the most important departments of the hotel is 18ft x 16ft., and has the latest ventilating shaft through the roof. It is fitted with a Ward's range and griller, which cost £45. The kitchen is connected with the up-stairs dining room by means of a two cage dinner lift. Leading from the kitchen is a spacious scullery and servery, and altogether every convenience is provided.

There are three lavatories in the building, two down-stairs and one up-stairs, and they are fitted with the latest earthenware basins, and water is laid on with nickle (sic) fittings. There are also two roomy bathrooms, the one up-stairs being fitted with tiled dado and nickle (sic) connections, also a Dalton bath.

The up-stairs commercial room is 14ft 6in. x 12 ft., and is fitted with chair and picture rail, marble mantles and tiled grates.

There are fifteen double and single bedsteads up-stairs, most of which open on to a 12ft balcony by casement screen doors. They are well-ventilated, with fly screen doors and windows.

The commercial dining room is up-stairs which is similar size to the one down-stairs, has a cove ceiling, neatly decorated in light tints. There is also a marble mantle, with tiled hearths and grates and costly lead lights to main entrance, picture and chair mould.

On the landing of the first floor stair case a strong railing surrounds the whole of the staircase. The dimensions of the landing are 40ft and 30ft.

The balcony is 132ft. from end to end. A back staircase is provided. On the top floor provision has been made for a housemaid's pantry with a slop sink, which is very convenient for the disposal of slop water. The doors of the

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dining rooms and main entrance are fitted with Blount patent door checks.

An electric lighting plant is being installed by Mr. Penfold, who has made provision for lighting the whole of the premises with electricity.

The sanitary arrangements are strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Health Act. Special consideration has been given to the outhouses. An archway leading from the yard to the ladies outhouses at the rear makes it exceedingly private and appreciative.

A new underground tank has been made, with a capacity of 40,000 gallons, its dimensions being 20ft x 20ft. in the clear. There is now 30,000 gallons in this tank, which supplies the whole of the premises, water being laid on all the convenient places.

The whole of the work is a credit to all concerned.

Another report in the Independent on Dec 11, 1912 reported on the installation of the electric lights.

An electric lighting plant has been installed, and on Monday night the whole of the hotel was a blaze of light, when the current was switched on for the first time. The dynamo for generating the electricity is driven by a 5½ h.p. Austral oil engine, and as there are about 70 distinct lights throughout the building, the efficacy of electricity as an illuminant is here demonstrated.

Another tragedy relating to the hotel occurred in 1913 when John Coleman, a well-known grazier from the Narraburra district died after falling off the balcony.

Temora's 28th Annual Show, so auspiciously fated in all other respects, will be sadly remembered for the lamentable accident which resulted in the death in the early hours of Thursday morning, of Mr. John Coleman, and removed from the community a member who was universally liked and esteemed. The circumstances which led to the fall can in great measure be only conjecture, as no one witnessed it. Coleman, with a number of others, was accommodated with a bed on the balcony of the Queensland Hotel, the town being filled with visitors to such an extent that the hotel and other accommodation was overtaxed. He retired shortly after 11, and for some time after chatted with Mr. John Porter who was also an occupant of the balcony. It is surmised that Mr. Coleman must have been taken ill at about 3.30 and in an effort to lean over the balcony, or in a half asleep condition, having his hands extended to catch the rail, which was closer to him than he thought, he overbalanced and fell head long at a distance of 18ft to the ground at the Loftus Street corner which led to his immediate death. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

John Penfold passed away on November 10, 1923.

The death occurred to-day of Mr. John Penfold, one of the earliest pioneers of the Temora district, at the age of 86 years. He was born at Sussex, England, coming to Australia as a boy. He worked in the Camden district for a number of years, and then went to Tarcutta and Junee, subsequently taking up land at Mimosa, in the Temora district, 42 years ago. He became licensee of the Terminus Hotel, Temora. He later bought the Grand Hotel, and some time after purchased the Queensland Hotel. He converted the latter into one of the most up to-date hotels in the south.

Like most hotels in the town, the hotel was the venue for many meetings, farewells, wedding receptions and special events. The Railway League met in the hotel prior to 1900. Cricketers entertained teams from other towns there in 1917; the golf ladies enjoyed a luncheon in the hotel in 1924. Temora hockey players entertained players from Cootamundra for dinner in the hotel and a social dance at the Star theatre in 1923.

The combined banks held a social function in the hotel in 1923 to farewell banking staff.

Employees of the demonstration farm met at the Queensland Hotel in February 1916 for the purpose of making a

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presentation to the manager, Mr C B Trefle who was leaving.

A number of wedding receptions were also held in the hotel. Two of these were Florence Wilson and Samuel Thomas Firman (1920) and Mary Alice Oliver and Bartholomew Edward Guthrie (1931).

In 1925 a very successful gathering of the CWA was held with the delegates reporting on the conference held in Sydney.

Mr Arthur Jasprizza was tendered a dinner at the Queensland Hotel on the eve of his marriage to Una Caldwell by his Temora pals with about 40 attending.

Other licensees to follow John Penfold were Joseph Asher Shappere (1918-6 Jul 1921), followed by Albert James Russell (7 Jul 1921-29 May 1922) and Denis Crowley (30 May 1922-9 Nov 1925). Denis Crowley was also the licensee from 22 Aug 1932 until 22 Oct 1934.

A representative gathering of citizens, the mayor presiding, tendered a farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of the Queensland Hotel, prior to their departure (in 1922) for the city, as Mr. Russell has just disposed of his interests in that hotel to Mr. Denis Crowley. The mayor, the shire president, the president of the P.A.H. and I. Association, and the secretary of the latter association all made eulogistic reference to Mr. Russell's good citizenship, and wished him success in his new sphere.

Mr. Denis Crowley, licensee of the Queensland Hotel, sought the permission of the council to erect concrete stables at the rear of the hotel, to take the place of the old wooden stables which had recently been demolished and which, by the way, had been used in the early days by Cobb and Co's coaches. As the matter must come before the municipal council for their consent, the consideration of the application was left in abeyance, pending the council's decision. (1925)

Others who will leave the district shortly (1925) are Mr. and Mrs. Denis Crowley, of the Queensland Hotel, Temora. Mr. Crowley has held the license for five years, and is very popular. Both' he and his wife were good citizens, and were primarily responsible for the arrangement of a successful Publicans' Day in aid of the hospital. They are leaving in November for- a trip to England. The incoming licensee is Mr. Bushman, of the Wynyard (Wynyard?) Hotel, Sydney.

The Queensland Hotel has again changed hands (1925), and the license was transferred from Denis Crowley to Deid Bushman. The new-comers, Mr. and Mrs. Deid Bushman, hail from Port Stephens, where they were the host and hostess of a pleasure resort hotel. Prior to their departure from Temora, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley were entertained at a complimentary afternoon and were made the recipients of a testimonial, which took the form of a tea and coffee service and oak tray. The staff of the hotel also presented their departing employers with a valued gift of silverware. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley have gone on a motor trip through the Commonwealth, at the conclusion of which they contemplate a tour through Europe.

After Denis Crowley's first stint he was followed by Mr Deid Bushman then Robert Arthur Reardon from 25 Nov 1929 until 21 Aug 1932, when Denis returned as licensee. James Sheehy took over from him (23 Oct 1934-26 Aug 1935) followed by Oliver Frank Beach (27 Aug 1935-13 Jan 1937) and Douglas Frederick Barwick of Sydney after him.

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Another known licensee was Mrs Fox who held the licence prior to 1949.

A woman (Mrs Fox), who was alleged to have been frequently under the influence of liquor while the licensee of country hotels, was today to get permission by Mr. Scobie, C L.M, in the Licensing Court, for the transfer of license for a Sydney hotel.

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The transfer was opposed by Sergeant Milne on the grounds that while Mrs. Fox was licensee of the Loftus Hotel, Junee, and the Queensland Hotel, Temora, she had refused to supply meals and accommodation to the public, and was frequently under the influence of liquor.

A report by Sergeant Boston, of Regent Street, said the applicant was living apart from her husband and had been convicted for breaches of the Liquor Act at Junee and Temora and the Industrial Arbitration Act at Junee."

"Mrs. Fox, in evidence, said that complaints about meals and accommodation had been caused through staff shortage, and added that, although she had drunk with squatters and country people she had never been under the influence of liquor.

Refusing the application, Mr. Scobie said he had to consider police evidence that Mrs. Fox was frequently under the influence of alcohol, and that was the real reason why she was not a fit and proper person to have the licence.

It is not known whether there were any other licensees but the Catterson family owned the hotel for many years until it was pulled down in the late 1960s. This building remained commanding the corner until the Municipal Council decided to modernise the town by having the verandah posts removed from the main street businesses. Bill Catterson maintained that he would rather pull down the whole hotel rather than remove the verandah posts. While he openly used this excuse for the demolition of the hotel, it may have really been one way of avoiding the necessary repairs to the verandahs and to be able to transfer the licence elsewhere.

Parts of the hotel were sold off with the front doors and some of the windows gracing the front of the Rural Museum in Temora. (?)

<b>Themes:</b>	<b>National theme</b>	<b>State theme</b>	<b>Local theme</b>
	3. Economy	Commerce	
	9. Phases of Life	Events	

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

<b>Year started:</b>	<b>Year completed:</b>	<b>Circa:</b> No
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**Physical description:** Site only, now built over by Paleface Park, originally the site of the well-known and historic Queensland Hotel, which dignified this prestigious corner of Temora's main street.

**Physical condition level:**

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**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:**

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):**  
[Historical significance]

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significance]**Criteria d):**  
[Social/Cultural  
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