

The Standpipe Hotel

The Standpipe Hotel is of some significance to the Sanderson family in Port Augusta. Aunty Ella used to manage the Standpipe when it was an Inn for the Afghan cameliers going North. Vern and Gert stayed there with the 5 children they had then - after they were forced to leave the Glen Vern property when the Great Depression hit.

Extract from "Our Place in the Sun" - A History of Port Augusta, by Alan McLellan.

Alan wrote approximately 273 articles for the *Transcontinental* on the early history of Port Augusta and districts after his retirement from the Steamship Company in 1960. These articles commenced on 11 April 1961 with the last being published on 14 September 1967. [The articles were called 'Our Place in the Sun'](#)

"The last of the PUBS"

The buildings of those two places which were the last of the Pubs to be licensed, are still standing and in use as places of accommodation, although many decades have passed since either has been licenced as a Hotel. In their order of construction and opening they are respectively, the Standpipe Hotel at Port Augusta West and the Suburban Hotel. Charles Chappie lodged a plan of an Hotel to be erected at Port Augusta West. This was to be the Standpipe Hotel. He was allowed 6 months to build. It was last licenced to Mrs Emily Daw in 1901. It was then sold to B. Oliffe and used as a private residence and finally leased as flats. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Munro leased it from approximately 1927. About 1930 Mr. Vern Sanderson (brother of Mrs. Munro) lived there with his wife and family of then four children. In 1933 he moved to the other side.



Aunty Ella outside the Standpipe Hotel in Port Augusta West.
Next to her is my Mother, Shirley.



The Standpipe Hotel circa 2003
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The Standpipe Hotel in 2020
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