



Gold Coast Motels, From Riches to Rags



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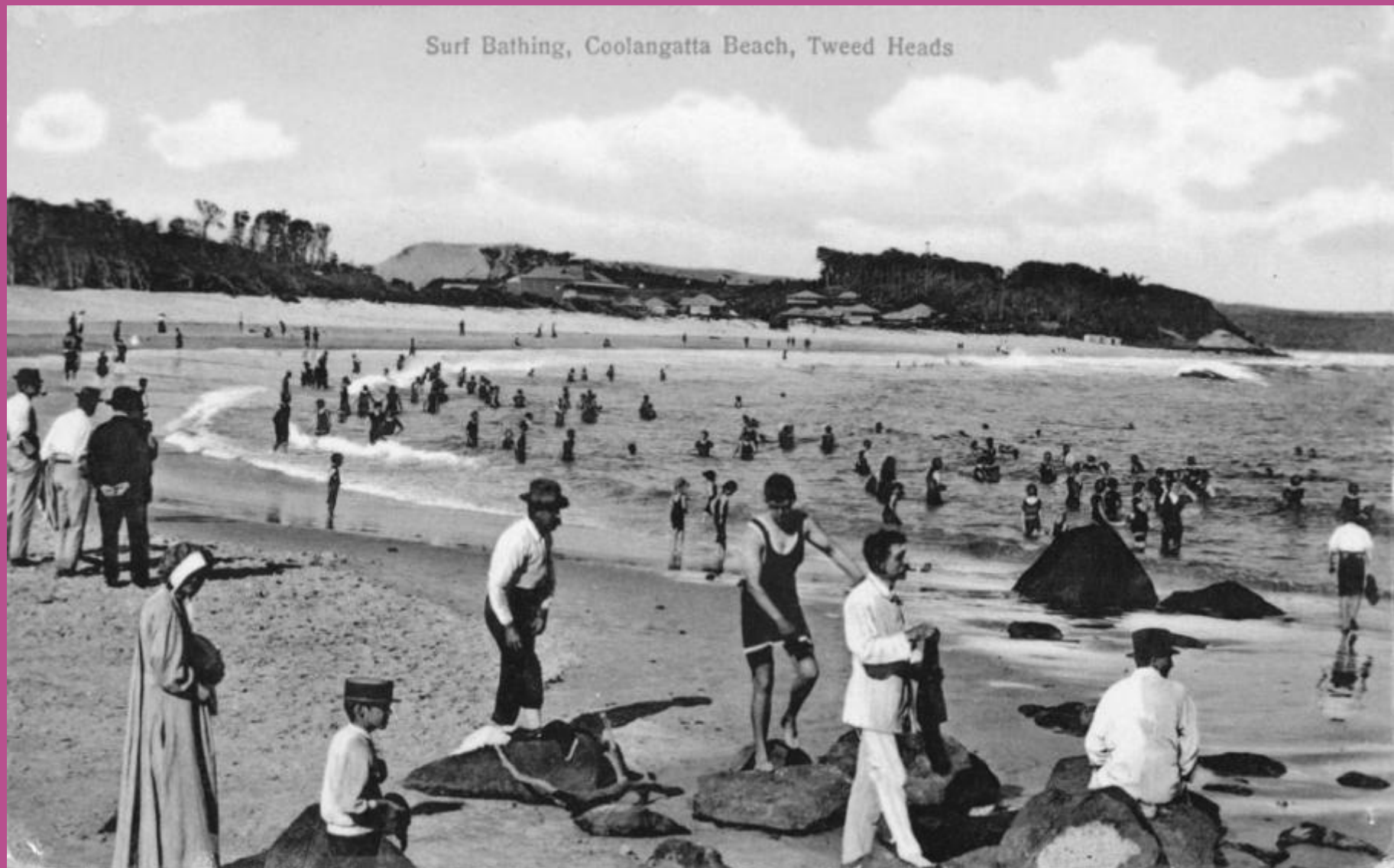
A holiday at The Gold Coast baby?





Broadwater 1890's Southport Seawall

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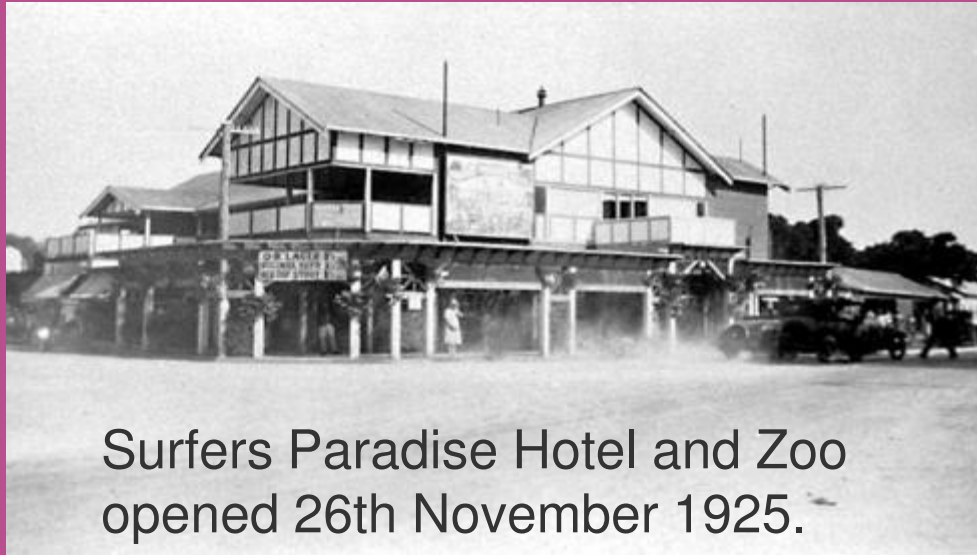
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1930's



Burleigh Heads 1932

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Surfers Paradise Hotel and Zoo
opened 26th November 1925.



Greenmount Guesthouse
Coolangatta (ca 1919)

SURF VIEW, Coolangatta.

OVERLOOKING PACIFIC OCEAN.

Handy to Train and River Steamers.

TO LET AT REASONABLE RATES.

Nicely Furnished Suites of Rooms, comprising Bedroom,
Dining Room, and Kitchen.



**ALLOTMENTS FOR SALE AND FURNISHED
HOUSES TO LET IN BEST POSITIONS.**

VISITORS CAN OBTAIN ALL THEY REQUIRE AT
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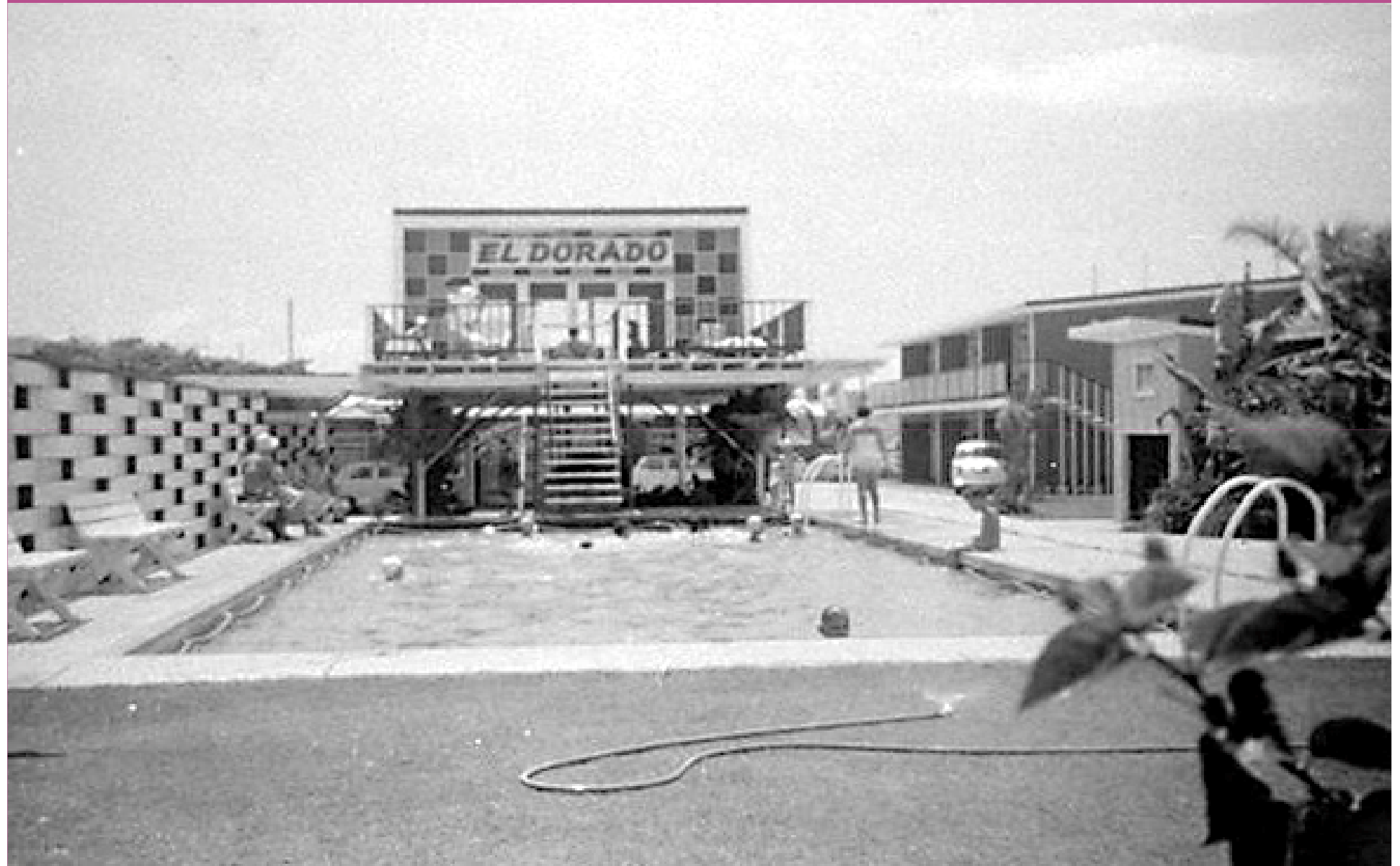
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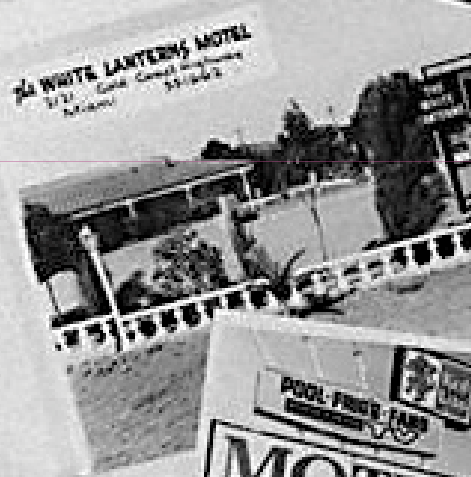
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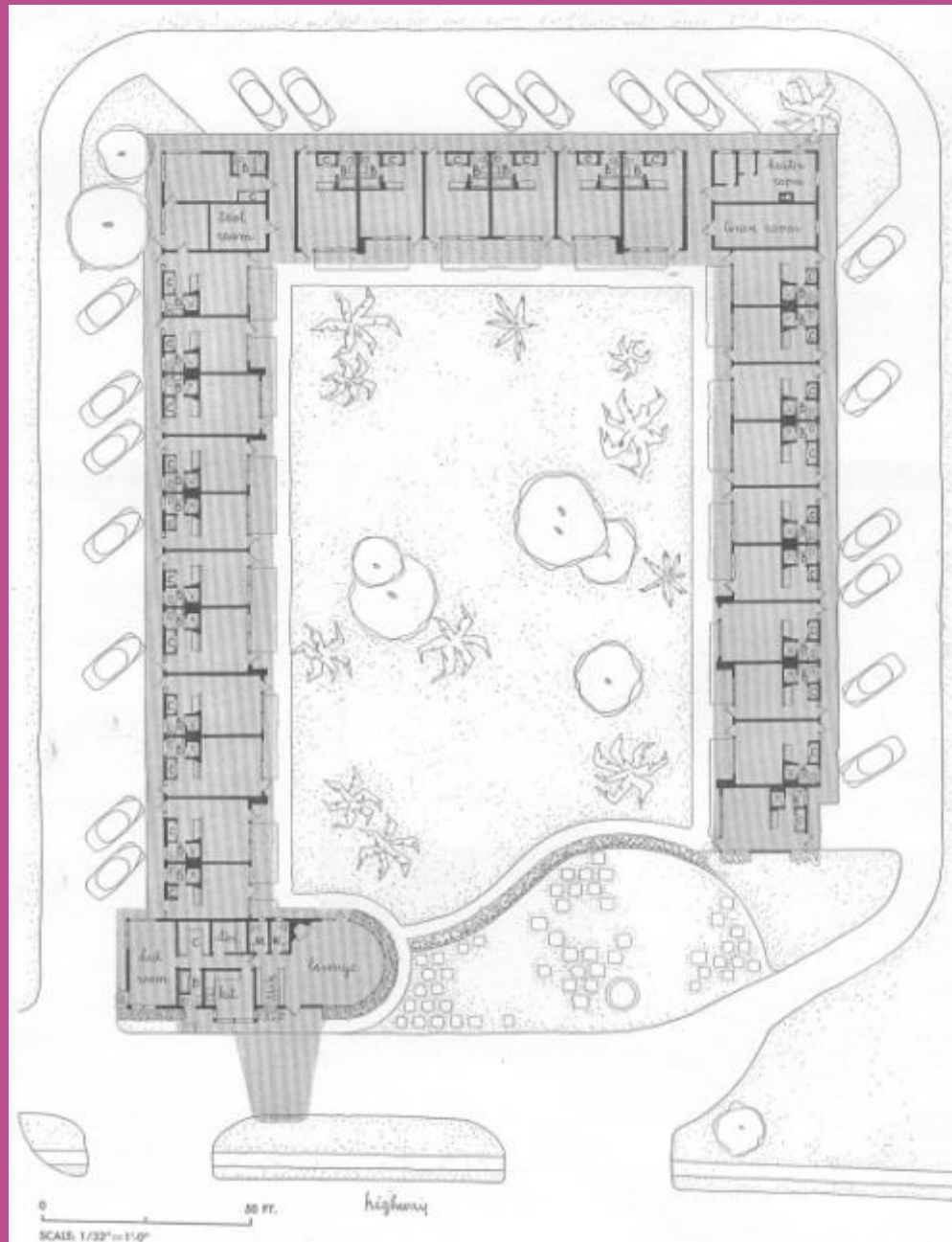
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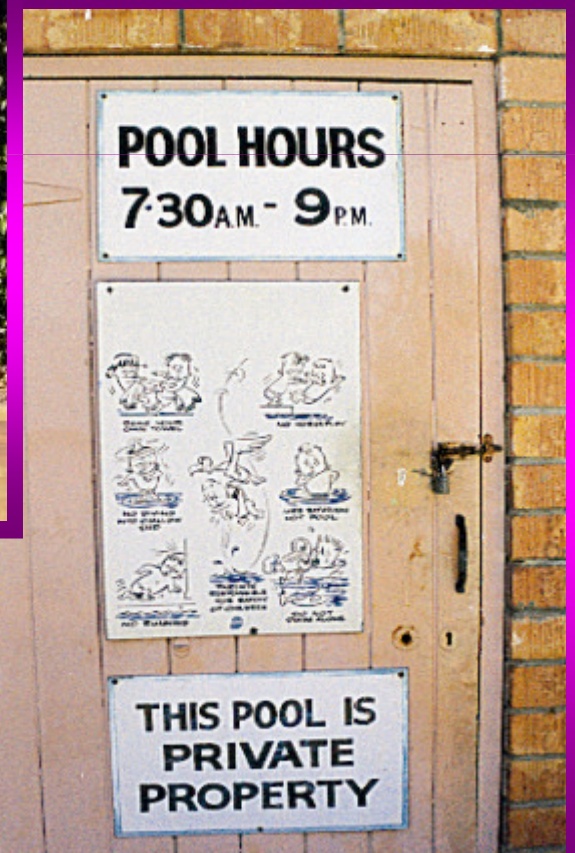




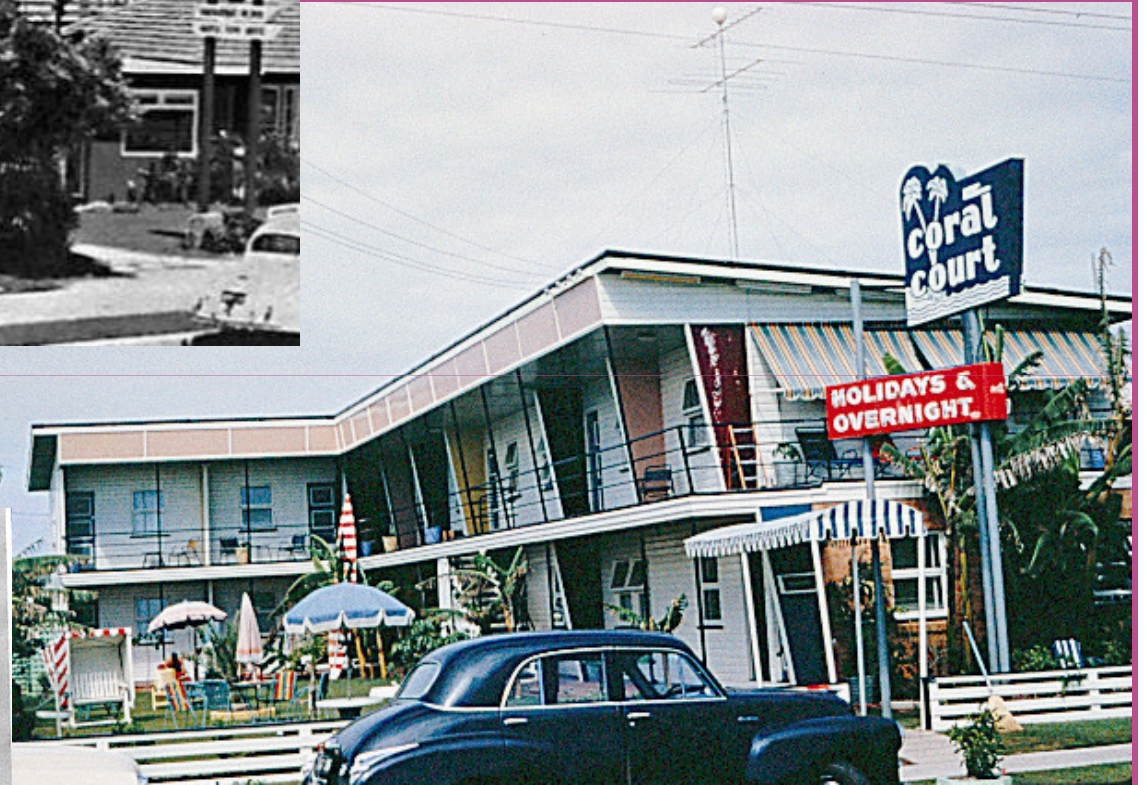




*Sun n Sand Motel
(Jackle et al 1996,38)*

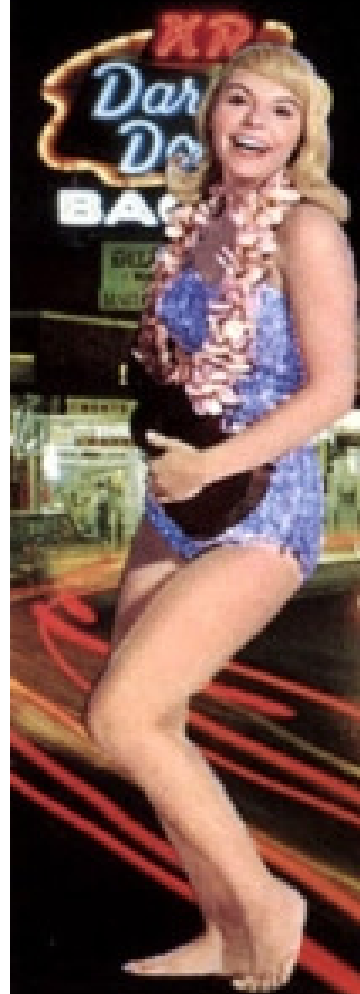








*Greetings from
Surfers Paradise*











View of Surfers Paradise beach showing the 'Dunes', 'Sands' and 'Sahara Court' accommodation houses (1967)



Kinkabool



1970 (Studio Sept)



2000 - 30 Years on (Studio Sept)



Seafront motel may go for a Big Mac

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The Ocean Court Motel at Surfers Paradise earmarked for a new McDonalds

ONE of Surfers Paradise's last remaining prestige landmarks — the Ocean Court Motel — is likely to be demolished to make way for a beachfront McDonalds fast-food outlet.

McDonalds has applied to the city council for permission to build a four-storey, multi-purpose building on the corner of Cavill Avenue Mall and The Esplanade.

The application, which has been advertised by the council, is for a four-storey building containing a restaurant, shops, offices and an accommodation unit.

McDonalds managing director Bob Mansfield said the company was considering a number of options for the site.

"We are doing an on-site feasibility study and nothing has been definitely decided," he said.

He said McDonalds had owned the Ocean Court Motel for about two years.

The fast-food chain operates from a rented outlet in Cavill Avenue alongside Grundy's and this will eventually be closed when McDonalds transfers its operations.

Mr Mansfield said that because of the existing tenancies on the hotel site it was unlikely any construction could start before the end of this year or the beginning of 1986.



The Sundale Motel . . . poised for renovation at the hands of new owners

Investors end 15 years of Sundale Motel ownership

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THE Sundale Motel at Southport has sold for \$2.1 million.

The buyer is Delta King, linked to Diane and Melvin Mills of Southport who plan to renovate the motel and take over its operation.

Dating back to the 1960s, the 26-room motel sits on a 1743sqm site, at 20 Queen Street, that has a seven-storey height restriction.

It carries a RD6 zoning, allowing a one-

bedroom for every 33sqm of net site area.

The Brisbane-based sellers, Maria Kovacs and Ceza Yalko, bought the holding through company Fshgasm in 1990 for \$1.3 million.

They have sold the motel as part of a retirement plan.

The deal settles in mid-March and was handled by Sanja Stankovic, of Ray White Commercial Gold Coast.

Ms Stankovic said she fielded some 50

inquiries about the property from Coast and interstate parties.

The two-storey motel has a common kitchen, laundry, swimming pool and onsite parking.

Ms Stankovic said there was no lease on the motel which operates under management.

It is close to the Southport business district and only metres from Meriton's \$700 million Brighton on

Broadwater project which is taking shape on the former Sundale shopping centre site.

When completed, the residential and retail development will have 1200 units and townhouses — in a mix of low, medium and high-rise buildings — and a large retail component.

Meriton, headed by Harry Triguboff, bought the 5.76ha Brighton on Broadwater site for \$34.5 million in early 2003.

Labrador motel sells

THE property housing the Broadway Motel at 128 Frank Street, Labrador, (pictured) has sold for \$1.1 million.

Castell Holdings, a company associated with Gold Coast-based investor Gerald Smith, is the buyer.

The vendors, Alan and Wilhelmine Mason, paid \$413,000 for the property in 1985.



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The Marlin Motel at Biggers Waters . . . sold in a \$650,000 deal, subject to due diligence

Biggers Waters motel sells in just one week

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A MOTEL property that is only metres from the Broadwater at Biggers Waters has sold for \$650,000, subject to due diligence, after being on the market for just a week.

The property, at 27 Brisbane Road, houses the nine-unit Marlin Motel plus a three-bedroom manager's residence and has a site area of 1012 square metres.

The single-level motel was built about 50 years ago and has two entrances, one off the highway and the second off Loder Street.

The motel returns a gross annual income of \$85,000.

The property has been sold by Keith Fisher, an owner-operator

of the property, subject to a 30-day due diligence period in a deal that is scheduled to settle late next month.

Marketing of the motel was handled by Wayne Devenport and Larry Dean, of Ray White Commercial Southport.

Mr Dean said that the buyer was impressed by the style and quality of redevelopment taking place in Labrador close to the Broadwater and recognised that the area had a big future.

"He saw the property as an investment opportunity and plans to redevelop the site in the medium term," he said.

Mr Dean said the buyer was

"The buyer recognises that the property is in a prime location and, given that it has the advantage of having access not only from Brisbane Road but also from Loder Street, wants to develop the site with something more than just townhouses," he said.

"He intends to retain the motel as a going concern for at least 12 months before proceeding with the redevelopment."

Mr Devenport said the seller, Mr Fisher, had been operating the motel continuously for some years and had decided that it was time to make a change and move on.

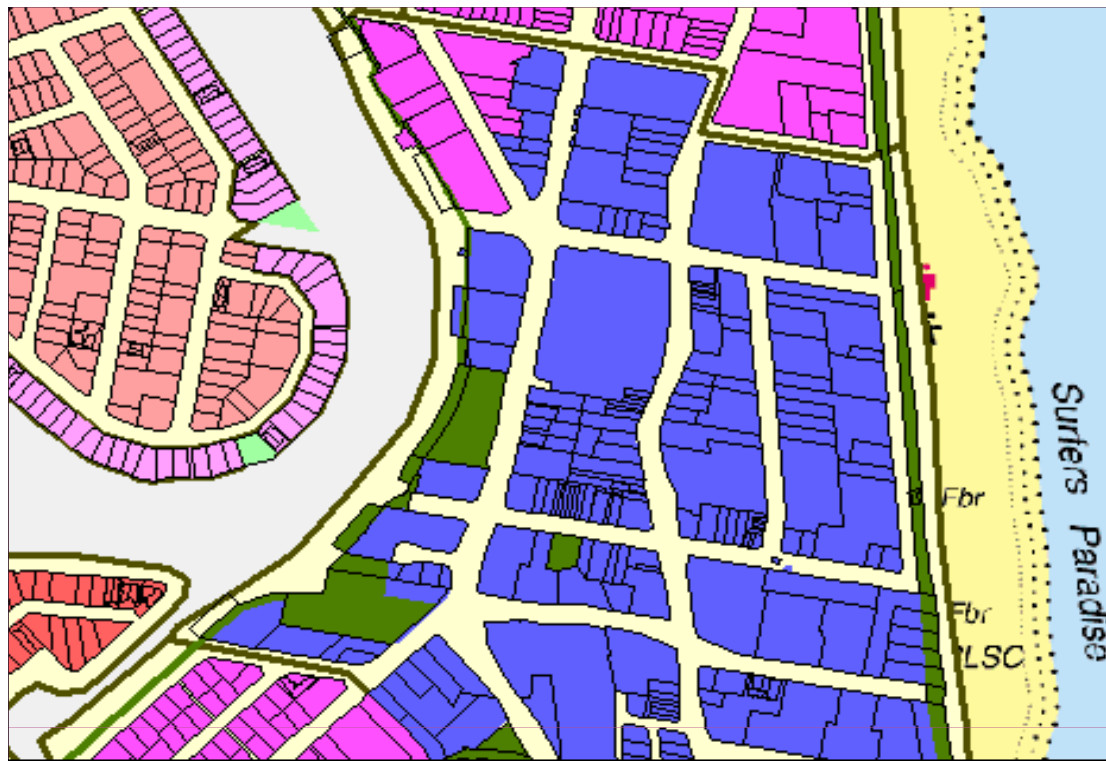
"I understand that he intends to take a break and go overseas for a while," he said.

Broadbeach motel site for sale



This holding is in an enviable 'Gold Coast Highway' location on the Eastern side next to Volare and other restaurants in Broadbeach. Facing the Gold Coast Convention Centre, this is a true 'blue chip' offering. Set on 622 square metres zoned Rps D Commercial, this motel comes with 14 rooms and manager's residence. For sale by expression of interest closing 24th March 2006. For more information contact Damian Hall on 0422 637 796.







GHWAY HERITAGE



Motel	Still Existing?	Image
55 Fifth Avenue Motel	No	Demolished
56 Elite Avenue Motel	Yes	
57 Burleigh Heads Hotel Motel	No	Demolished
58 Gold Coast Motel	No	Demolished
59 Casino Motel (renamed Burleigh Beach Motel)	Yes	
60 Motel Moana	No	Demolished
61 Palm Beach North Motel	No	Demolished
62 Tropic Sands Motor Inn	Yes	
TOTAL REMAING MOTELS	44	41 MOTELS ARE DEMOLISHED







Southport Drill Hall



Laurel Hill Farmhouse



Schmidt Farmhouse



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