

Quinn's Post Gallipoli – Quinn's Post Hotel – Richard Quinn – Quinn's Post corner

Quinn's Post Gallipoli

Quinn's Post at Gallipoli was named after Major Hugh Quinn of the 15th Battalion Queensland Australia Imperial Force. Lieutenant Colonel William Malone took over the post with the New Zealand Wellington Battalion on 09 June 1915. Malone made great changes to Quinn's Post improving security and making it more comfortable for his men. During World War One Quinn's Post was one of the most dangerous places at Gallipoli.

The soldiers of the Wellington Battalion trained at Trentham Military camp and some took refreshments at the Trentham Hotel in Upper Hutt.

A notice appeared in the Evening Post and read; *"It is notified in Trentham routine orders that the Trentham Hotel (more commonly known as Quinn's Post), is declared out of bounds for all soldiers until further orders"*.

It is interesting to note that the soldiers were not permitted to drink at the Quinn's Post in New Zealand but had to fight and some lost their lives at Quinn's Post in Gallipoli.

Quinn's Post Hotel

Richard Quinn was the proprietor of Trentham Hotel which was known by locals as the Quinn's Post Hotel.

The hotel was situated on the southwards corner of Fergusson Drive and Ward Street Upper Hutt near Fortune Lane the original business district in Upper Hutt.

In support of an application in July 1916 for a licence renewal before the Hutt Licensing Committee Mr J Tripe represented Mr Richard Quinn licensee of the Trentham Hotel. He said his client desired to change the name to Quinn's Post. The Public Trustee represented the owners who objected. Mr Riddell said that when the objection was made the Bench must take it into consideration. The license would be accordingly given in the name of Trentham Hotel. Mr Tripe intimated that he intended to advise his client to charge the name as the owners could not legally object.

Richard Quinn

Richard Quinn was born 1869 in the gold mining town of Staffordtown Hokitika New Zealand. His parents were Anne (1849-1942) and Patrick (1834-1891) Quinn occupation Hotelkeeper of Greyhound Hotel Arapura.

Richard Quinn became the purchaser of the Australian Hotel in Greymouth around 21 June 1909.

Richard was elected a member of the Grey Jockey club on 05 February 1910.

On 10 December 1910 an application was made to transfer the licence of the Australian Hotel in Kanoro Greymouth from Richard to Joseph Edward Brown.

There was a reference of Richard working at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Wellington at the beginning of 1911

Florence May Paulson of the Provincial Hotel in Upper Hutt transferred the licence to Richard Quinn on 07 March 1911

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 24 June 1911
"Mr Richard Quinn hotel proprietor announces his candidature at the present election. He is a native of Hokitika which he left 20 years ago. He has since lived in Australia in Palmerston and for 9 years prior to taking over the Provincial hotel he resided in Wellington. He claims to be progressive and if elected would no doubt conduct his Town Board business as creditably as he does his own".

On 03 August 1912 some forty citizens of Upper Hutt assembled at the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to bid "good bye" to Richard Quinn the retiring proprietor of the Hotel. He was presented with an inscribed wallet. Richard was complimented upon his first class catering arrangements and the excellent manner in which the hotel had been conducted over his time as proprietor.

Richard transferred the licence for the Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt to Mr Ernest Crabtree on 04 September 1912

On 18 September 1912 Richard Quinn was elected a Commissioner for the Town District of Upper Hutt.

A month later, Richard took over the Family Hotel Lower Hutt from Hans Charles Lawson.

Richard sold the Family Hotel Lower Hutt in October 1913 and transferred the licence to Hector Angus Ross in December 1913.

Richard applied for the transfer of licence for Trentham Hotel from Mr James Cress on 02 September 1914. On 05 June 1918 he applied to transfer the publican's licence to John William Robinson.

Press newspaper 30 November 1918 Obituary
"A well-known figure in the person of Mr Richard Quinn of Upper Hutt and of Trentham has died. Deceased was born in the old gold mining settlement Staffordtown about seven miles from Hokitika, 49 years ago. For the past four years he was a member of the Upper Hutt Town Broad vice president of the Horticultural Society and the Bowling Club and a Stewart of the Petone Trotting Club".

Richard Quinn died 23 November 1918 at Trentham Upper Hutt and was buried at Karori cemetery Wellington.

Quinn's Post corner

Quinn's Post corner was named after Richard Quinn the proprietor of the Trentham Hotel which was also known as the Quinn's Post Hotel. Quinn's Post corner was situated southwards on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Ward Street.

Ward Street was named after Joseph Ward the 17th Prime Minister of New Zealand. The street was formerly known as Mungaroa Road and on one old map it was recorded as Wallaceville Road.

Fergusson Drive was named after Sir Bernard Fergusson his Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand from 1962 to 1967. It was originally known as Great North Eastern Road, then Old Military Road, then Hutt Road followed by Main Road South and/or North before being renamed Fergusson Drive.
