

# Bygone Breweries of New South Wales

## THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

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This is the story of beer brewing in the Southern districts of New South Wales, during the period of time from about 1830, when the first brewery appeared in that part of the state, until the last one closed about a century later. Geographically, it covers a vast swathe of territory stretching around 750 kilometres from the sea coast in the east nearly to the Darling River in the west, and bounded by the Murray River (the border with Victoria) in the south. The most important of the historical brewing towns encompassed within the southern districts are Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Narrandera and Deniliquin.

The outward spread of settlement from the colonial capital, Sydney, during the nineteenth century, naturally was accompanied by the establishment of breweries to satisfy the demand for beer as it arose in newly populated areas. In the districts canvassed in this volume, altogether around eighty breweries operated in about thirty-six towns, villages and other places of habitation, during the century-long time-span. They are all tracked here from their formation to their demise. Their progress is set against the general history of the places in which they existed, and against the broader history of beer and brewing.

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