

Very Good Beer and Ale

**BREWERIES AND BREWERS OF TASMANIA
1820s to 1930s**



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A strong propensity for making and drinking beer existed naturally among the mainly British people who populated the new Australian colonies in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Among those colonies, Van Diemen's Land, later Tasmania, was climatically best suited to the brewing of beer.

Commercial breweries were first established in Tasmania within twenty years of British settlement. At the end of the 1820s, five were at work in Hobart alone, and all were said to be making 'very good beer and ale'. In the decades that followed, dozens more breweries were established in Hobart, Launceston and most other towns throughout the island. This book tells the history of these breweries during the very busy century-or-so of geographical expansion and subsequent consolidation from the 1820s until the 1930s.

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