

Historic Hotels

of Temora

Pub Crawl



TEMORA



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FOREWORD

An historically accurate term for describing the traditional Australian Hotel would be the word 'inn', often used by the proprietors in place of the more commonly used 'pub' and 'hotel'. 'Pub' is derived from and short for public house and means a place licensed to serve alcohol to the passing trade while 'hotel' is regarded as an establishment primarily for the provision of accommodation and meals. Australia adopted the English traditions and practices where inns provided liquor, food and accommodation and particularly in the regions beyond the cities where travel was an important part of the rationale for the establishment of towns which supported extensive pastoral, transport and agricultural development.

In the mid twentieth century when the consumption of beer came to dominate the business, the term 'pub' was often interchangeable with the 'public bar' and the design and layout of hotel buildings reflected the dominant uses. Different terms were used accordingly: the front bar, the public bar, the ladies lounge, the parlour, the dining room, saloon bar, beer garden and sports

bar are among the many names used across Australia and often found elaborately painted in black and gold on stippled decorative glass and framed mirrored panes on the walls and within the doors and windows. The early local premises which best reflects the basic serving of alcohol is the Grand in Crowley Street and it remains the only single storey hotel in Temora. The following histories and the valuable research also describe many of the earlier buildings now occupied by large two storied premises. They indicate the site being occupied by simple timber buildings with multiple entries and extensive verandahs hitching rails.

While the term 'publican' is now well known there are many other names associated with the running of pubs and hotels. 'Hotelkeeper' covers the overall work involved in managing a substantial premises but does not indicate who holds the license - 'licensee' and does not imply ownership. While early pubs were 'freeholds' with individual ownership the development of corporate breweries with their competitive need to secure distribution

Railway, Terminus and Shamrock, with large first floor levels of accommodation requiring meals and housekeeping.

These interiors usually consisted of areas for drinking: a lounge with comfortable chairs to accommodate both men and women; a ladies lounge - usually very small and exclusively for women patrons; the saloon bar, where customers occupied stools and higher prices were charged in particular for the spirits drinkers and most importantly the public bar off the street where drinking was done standing up and women were excluded.

In exploring the wide variety of pubs in Temora, visitors are invited to consider the extended stories related to each of the buildings including the men and women who 'kept' the business, the staff who served and maintained, the builders and trades who crafted the exteriors and interiors and the customers who benefited from this hospitality.