

INTRODUCTION TO WATERING HOLES IN GOULBURN AUSTRALIA

Being Australia's first inland city, it shouldn't come as a surprise that in 1886 there were 73 inns in Goulburn. A number of these premises have stood the test of time and are still operating today. This is a brief guide to both the venues that have served Goulburn in the past and those that are still serving Goulburn today.



BEYOND GOULBURN

Terminus Hotel, Marulan

In 1865 John S. Skeet obtained a licence for a new hotel which he aptly named the 'Terminus', as Marulan (at the time) was the limit of the railway extension from Sydney. Wet your whistle at this quintessential Australian pub located in Marulan's main street.

Gilmour Inn, Lake Bathurst

The Gilmour Inn is set on a 9,000 acre sheep station in the beautiful rolling hills of Lake Bathurst. Established in 1980 and completely refurbished in 2006, it is ideally located only 30 minutes from Goulburn. The excellent facilities include 13 rooms with reverse cycle air conditioning, licensed restaurant and bar, a large deck and extensive gardens.

Loaded Dog Hotel, Tarago

Situated in rural Tarago since 1848 and named after Henry Lawson's famous story, the Loaded Dog Hotel boasts an historic bar where patrons meet for drinks, live music and great food. There are numerous local bushranger stories which took place at this Hotel, including 'The Heist' involving the infamous bushrangers Frank Gardiner and Ben Hall.



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TATTERSALLS HOTEL (76 Auburn Street)

This building occupied until 1868 as a private residence, was used for many purposes including a grammar school. It was then known as 'Clinton House', and became available in 1876 when licensee Charles Thomas moved his activities to this site and opened the new Thomas 'Family Hotel'. Since then it has had many licensees and has recently undergone a complete facelift. The 'Tatts' offers a boutique hotel experience. Be sure to try one of the delicious cocktails.

ASTOR HOTEL MOTEL (93 Auburn Street)

This Hotel was originally known as 'The Chequers Inn' and was one of the most famous of Goulburn's 19th century hotels. It was built in the 1840s for the Simons family. Today, the Astor provides a comfortable air-conditioned public bar and lounge bar, featuring clean, modern decor in a relaxed environment. Food is a major feature of the Hotel and the popular Bistro is open for lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY HOTEL (188 Sloane Street)

It was predictable that after the completion of the railway to Goulburn in 1869 new hotels would be established in the vicinity of the station. One of these was 'Clifford's Hotel', established by James Clifford in 1872. After three years the licence was taken over by Henry Gordon who changed the name to 'Railway Hotel', later it became known as 'Southern Railway'. After many more licensees; spanning into the twentieth century, the hotel was renamed the Coolavin. In 2016 the hotel was once again renamed 'The Southern Railway Hotel' and stands today as one of a few Goulburn establishments to have retained much of its original character.

HIBERNIAN HOTEL (145 Auburn Street)

First licensed in 1850, this is one of Goulburn's original hotels. In 1870 Physician Dr William Foxton Hayley took it over as his dispensary and consulting rooms. In 1880, it was converted back to a hotel, and has remained in continuous operation since. Now affectionately dubbed the 'Hibo', the pub is home to the 'Hibo Hero Burger' which is renowned as one of the spiciest meals in the City.

GOULBURN CLUB (19 Market Street)

Formed in 1877 as a gentleman's club, the Goulburn Club provides a lively venue with open fires and a spacious verandah overlooking Belmore Park. The Club's unique premises has lost none of its old-world charm.

GOULBURN SOLDIERS CLUB (15 Market Street)

The RSL is located in Goulburn's historic CBD and offers scenic views of Belmore Park and the surrounding area including the Court House.

GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB (254 Auburn Street)

This popular modern club is located on the original site of John J. Bruton's 'Royal Hotel' which was a landmark of the 1890s and known far and wide for hospitality that continues to this day. With over 10,000 members it is the largest club in the Southern Tablelands.

EMPIRE HOTEL (286 Auburn Street)

The Empire was first known as 'The Bazaar' and was built by William Arthur Evans. It was completed in 1858 where upon it was leased out to Charles McAlister. Around 1866 he had left and the license went over to Robert Turney who changed the name of the hotel to the 'Oddfellows Arms'. Turney left in 1868 and afterwards followed a long line of licensees most of whom were short term. The Empire Hotel is still operating today.

GOULBURN RAILWAY BOWLING CLUB (271 Sloane Street)

A family friendly Club which has 3 championship floodlit bowling greens. Everyone is welcome at the 'Bowlo' from #1 pennant bowlers to social barefoot bowlers and anyone just wanting to have some fun.

GOULBURN GOLF CLUB (Blackshaw Road)

Nestled on the banks of the Mulwaree Chain of Ponds lies this stunning premier golf course which can lay claim to some of the greatest names in golf; Bruce Devlin, Steve Elkington and Brett Ogle all cut their teeth on these fairways. For those who enjoy the 19th hole as much as the green variety, the licensed clubhouse is open daily.

SOUTHERN STAR INN (43/47 Reynolds Street)

James Jones, formerly of the 'Wheelwrights Arms' at Towrang, was the first known licensee of the 'Star' which opened in 1860. Ten years later he transferred the licence to Thomas Cook. Then in 1876 Cook transferred it to L.H. Fitzgerald. Next came Thomas Holmes in 1882, then Patrick Kennedy from 1889 until the end of the century. It is now the Southern Star Indian Restaurant.

GORDON HOTEL (6 Union Street)

The Gordon is a traditional and historic federation two storey hotel, located close to the original heart of Goulburn. It was originally called 'Prince of Wales' when opened in 1886 by James and Margret Finlay after their many attempts to secure a colonial wine licence which then evolved into a publicans license.

HISTORIC WATERING HOLES

Garroorigang Historic Home (209 Braidwood Road)
Garroorigang, now the historic home of the Hume family, had a colourful beginning as an inn under the sign 'Mulwaree'. It was well known as a 'teamster's pub', serving the substantial traffic between Goulburn and Braidwood during the gold rush period. Garroorigang later served as a small private school for the sons of gentlemen and is now a rare surviving example of living in the Victorian period.

Old Goulburn Brewery (23 Bungonia Road)

With construction underway in 1833, the Bradley Grange & Brewery was designed as an integrated industrial complex by colonial architect Francis Greenway. The Brewery is no longer operational or open to the public.

Mandelson's of Goulburn (160 Sloane Street)

Originally known as the 'Goulburn', Mandelson's had an enviable reputation as an inn and was renowned for 'excellence in hospitality'. Although no longer functioning as a pub, the property has been restored to its former architectural glory and maintains the high standard of hospitality as a luxury B&B.

Exchange Hotel (cnr Bradley & Grafton Sts)

Originally built in 1872 as the 'Exchange' with 16 rooms. The 1940s-50s saw the name change to 'Doddlestons Exchange Hotel' before returning to the 'Exchange'. The hotel is no longer operating.

Riversdale Historic Home (2 Twynam Drive)

This was the site of the first licensed premises in the original township of Goulburn Plains – Matthew Healy's 'Goulburn Inn'. It eventually became a private residence and is now owned by the National Trust of Australia and is open to the public for tours.