

Hindmarsh Historic Pub-crawl



Southern side of Port Road at Hindmarsh, 1925 [State Library of South Australia B16269], the "Lady Daly" to the right above

DRINK RESPONSIBLY

4 **Colonist Tavern (1838 - 1839)**
Licensed in December 1838, "The Colonist" was the first public house in Hindmarsh. The owner, Captain John Walker, attempted unsuccessfully to sell the hotel in July 1839 and the license lapsed the following March. The building was destroyed by fire soon after.

To be let on lease for five or seven years, the well known public-house "The Colonist," situate in Hindmarsh Town, with a double frontage, 172 feet facing the Road to the Port, and 50 feet in Wells-street, and an excellent well of water on the premises. This house has been fitted up at great expence, and has every convenience for carrying on an extensive business.
Apply to
J. WALKER, Hindley-street.
N. B.—The stock, fixtures, and furniture to be taken at a valuation.

South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register, 20 Oct 1838, p.3

1 **Commercial (1848-[2024?])**
The Commercial was built and licensed in March 1848. In 1880 a new hotel was built alongside and the old hotel demolished about 1890. Haussen Brewing Company purchased the hotel in 1911. Now a restaurant.



Commercial Hotel, c1935 [Private Collection]

2 **Lady Daly (1864-)**
The Lady Daly Hotel was built in 1863 from locally manufactured bricks, reputedly opened by and named after the then Governor's wife, Lady Daly, and licensed by Eliza Linn (see below) in March 1864.



Lady Daly Hotel, c.1864 [SLSA PRG 37/10/75]



Refer also to the Brompton and Bowden Historic Pub-crawl

She continued to own the property until her death in 1884, then her sons Robert and George Linn until 1891 when their executors sold the hotel to Ware's Torrensidge Brewery, later the Walkerville Brewing Company (1898), later transferred to the South Australian Brewing Company (1938).
The Lady Daly was described originally as a "large two storey public house with outbuildings" with a rateable value of £40. A second storey was built at the back of the hotel probably in 1883-1884, adding rooms, a billiard salon and preparing the hotel for deep sewerage. The verandah (see top photograph) was erected and other improvements made in 1901.



As founder, owner and licensee of the Lady Daly, **Eliza Linn** (nee Leggett; 1811-1894) was the first South Australian woman to *build* and run her own pub. [SLSA B19985/16H]

3 Land of Promise (1840 - 2024?)

The Land of Promise [Inn] is the oldest surviving public house in Hindmarsh. It was built and first licensed in March 1840 by George Roberts (1791-1860). Roberts emigrated to South Australia aboard H M S Buffalo, in December 1836. A sawyer, he was also a member of the syndicate that, in June 1838, purchased the Section from Governor Hindmarsh, "to parcel [the land] out amongst the working classes". The original pub boasted a lodge- or long-room (left side of photograph below) that could accommodate inquests, public and electoral meetings, sporting and political associations, dinners etc for over 250.



The Land of Promise in the 1870s [South Australian Brewing Co archives]

The Land of Promise has enjoyed a chequered reputation, most recently for topless barmaids and adult entertainment. As early as July 1847 it was reported that a local resident auctioned his wife in the pub's back parlour - although this was most likely an entertaining hoax.

The Land of Promise, c.1930 [SABCo archives]



5 [New] Hope Inn (1847 -)

First built and licensed in 1847 as the "Hope Inn", rebuilt in 1904 and again rebuilt for Hausen's Brewery on an adjoining block of land as the "New Hope Inn" in 1929-30, the pub is both one of the earliest and, even at over 100 years old, the newest pub in Hindmarsh. One of its publicans, Margaret Kennelly, held the license for the Hope Inn for 1899-1902, 1906-1931 and, with Jack Hume (her son-in-law?), 1931-1955, a total of 52 years, probably still the longest tenure for a licensee in South Australia.



The Hope Inn, c. 1880 [Hope Inn collection]



The New Hope Inn, c.1929 [Hope Inn collection]

6 Joiners' Arms (1850 -)

Built by local builder/joiner, Henry Mallett, in 1848-49 (hence the name?), the Joiners' Arms was first licensed in March 1850. The pub was owned by career publican John Born from 1850 to 1872 and from 1876 to 1978 by successive brewing companies. The Joiners' Arms was partially rebuilt in 1876-77 (architect, Rowland Rees) with further additions and upgrades in 1911-12 (Quinton Bruce) and the early 1920s.



The Joiners' Arms, c.1930 [SABCo archives]



The Joiners' Arms, c.1870s [Hotel's collection]

From October 1875 until 1983 the Land of Promise was owned by a series of breweries which updated and/or repaired the pubs in 1875-76 and 1904 and, probably to avoid de-licensing, effectively rebuilt the pub with a second storey, balcony and modern bathrooms in 1909-10. The pub is no longer operating.

7 Black Lion (1839-1846-c1998)

The Black Lion was first licensed as the Bricklayers' Arms in 1839, renamed the Britannia in 1841 and as the Black Lion in 1846. In 1853 it was described as modest "with eight rooms and stabling". It was rebuilt with two storeys in 1881 and in 1921 was reported as having "the best bar of any public house...it was the best building in the district." Purchased by the Azzurri Soccer Club in 1974, the Black Lion was demolished in about 1998 as part of the redevelopment around the Hindmarsh [Soccer] Stadium.



The Black Lion, c.1930 [SABCo archives]

8 Jolly Miller (1866 - 2020?)

The last built of the Hindmarsh pubs, the Jolly Miller was first licensed in December 1865. It was rebuilt after it was purchased by the Hindmarsh Brewery in 1879-80. The Jolly Miller closed as a pub in about 2020.



The Jolly Miller, date unknown [SABCo archives]