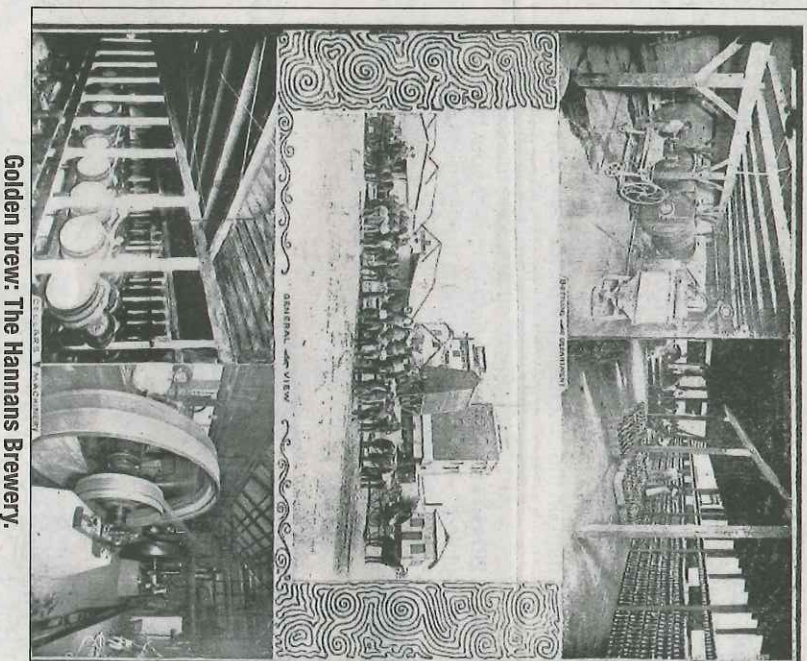


Goldfields History



Golden brew: The Hannans Brewery.

Goldfielders love their beer and, as a testament to that, the Hannans Brewery was once the most successful business in Kalgoorlie and was housed in one of the most prominent buildings in the city. THOMAS NELSON looks back in time.

Hannan's Lager a brew missed by Goldfielders

AS THE demand for bottled beer grew in the Goldfields during the early 1900s, the Hannans Brewery on Bulong Road was thriving.

The building, just out of town was a hive of activity, with workers putting the greatest care into the production of their most popular beer, Hannan's Lager.

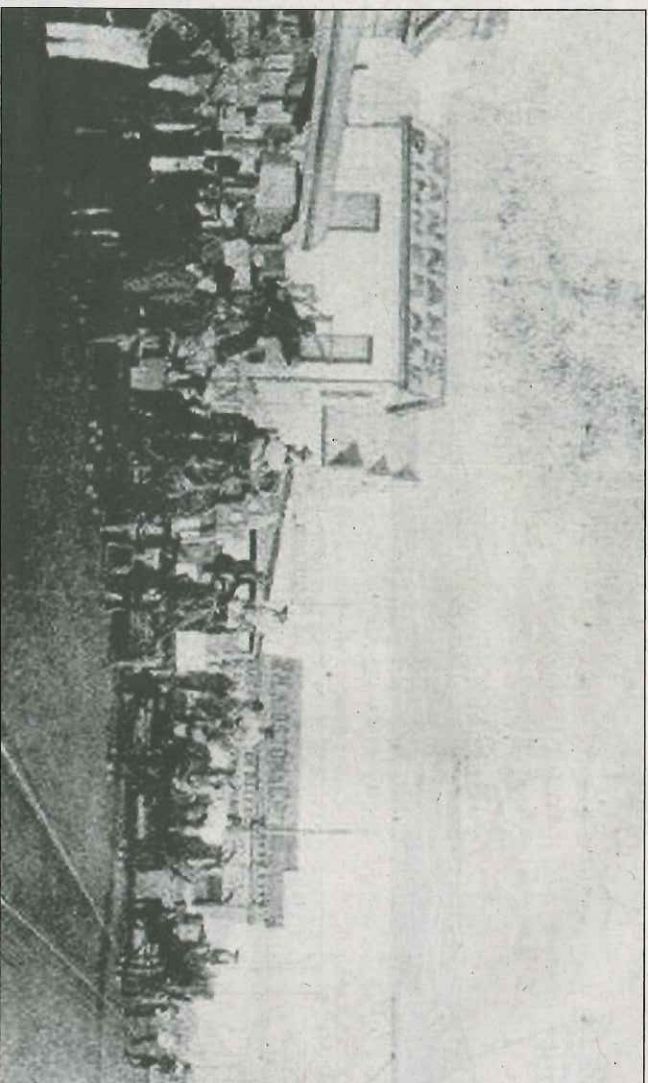
"Nothing but the best of material and workmanship (is) employed - while at the bottling works, situated in Mariana Street, the appliances are up-to-date in every respect," an early article in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* stated.

"The demand for bottled beer is daily increasing - particularly from the back country - and the company put up a Goldfields record recently by dispatching no fewer than 20 cases to Leonora and other places.

"The well-known Hannans Brewery has always had a reputation for producing a brew of undoubted quality and ample evidence of the appreciation of the public is afforded in the amount of beer which is consumed daily."

The brewery opened in 1895 and the first brewer was Daniel Langford.

For many years, the brewery



Great western thirst: A large order of Hannan's leaves the brewery for the Back Country.

was one of the most successful businesses in the Goldfields.

Then, in October 1915, the building burned to the ground, causing an estimated \$15,000 damage.

An inquiry was opened into the fire the next day, which revealed

the fire started in two places.

The jury found it was caused intentionally by some person or persons unknown.

There was much speculation the building was set alight so the owners could collect the insurance, but this has never been proven. After

the old building was burned, the brewery was relocated to the Mariana Street bottling complex.

The brewery closed its doors in 1982, but the building still stood near where the Kalgoorlie Food Court is today, until just a few years ago.

Explore and experience history in the Goldfields

INTERESTED in the history of the Goldfields, its triumphs and tragedies and the people and events that made news? Want to trace a local family history or ancestors from overseas? These organisations may be of interest and help:

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society: Old Boulder Power Station, Hamilton Street, Boulder. Phone 9093 3360 or email: history@kalgoorlie.com

WA Museum, Kalgoorlie-Boulder: 17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie. Phone 9021 8533.

Southern Cross and Yilgarn Districts Historical Society: Yilgarn History Museum c/o PO Box 86, Southern Cross. Phone 9093 1083.

Coolgardie Districts Historical Society: Shire offices, Bayley Street, Coolgardie. Phone 0407 387 473.

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder history archives: Upstairs at Kalgoorlie Town Hall, Hannan Street. Phone 9091 6121.

Australian Prospectors & Miners Hall of Fame: Goldfields Highway, Kalgoorlie. Phone 08 9026 2700 or www.mininghall.com

Outback Family History is an essential site for Goldfields research. Check out their site at www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au

Kalgoorlie Miner

20 YEARS AGO

Commission clears seven-day roster IN A landmark decision, the WA Industrial Relations Commission yesterday cleared the way for a seven-day continuous roster at Western Mining Corporation's Revenge gold mine.

Western Mining hopes to have the roster in operation in two weeks.

WMC industrial relations manager Stan Carter claims the decision will set a precedent for a continuous roster in all its gold and nickel operations.

"It is a major decision in the right direction," Mr Carter said.

However, the AWU has said the decision only applies to the Revenge mine.

The union could not be contacted for comment yesterday on the 35-page decision.

The company will be allowed to roster underground workers on for 12 hours, but those who are in charge of winding machinery or who perform heavy manual labour or work requiring exacting concentration can do only eight hour shifts.

50 YEARS AGO

GSE funds benefit

FUNDS of the welfare council of the Goldfields Special Education centre benefited from the sales of the afternoon teas and light luncheons at the Eastern Goldfields Lawn Tennis Association's recent championships, the secretary of the council Mrs K Craig said yesterday.

Mrs Craig said valuable assistance had been given by Messrs J Ekholm, C Paul and R Burkett and also Mrs D Blackburn and Miss Shirley Ferguson.

A meeting of the welfare council and parents of the children attending the centre will be held at the centre at 8 o'clock tonight.

NZ Hockey Team

A NEW ZEALAND Hockey team will visit Kalgoorlie on July 28 and will play a match against a Goldfields combined team.

The Kalgoorlie council has hired the oval to the hockey association for the match on Friday, July 28, from 2pm until 5.30pm.

The New Zealand team is visiting Australia to play a series of matches in several States and major country towns.

80 YEARS AGO

Infant health

THE Infant Health Sister will pay her monthly visit to Kurrawang on Wednesday, and will be at Mrs Leslie's house from 10am till noon.

Bag snatchers at work

FROM reports gaining ground it is evident the bag snatcher has made his appearance on the Goldfields.

Last Sunday night a lady, while walking in the vicinity of Egan Street, was startled by the appearance of a couple of strangers, who quickly relieved her of her handbag.

110 YEARS AGO

A brother found

MIRGUS SODERBURG, of 45 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, USA, writes thus to the manager of the *Kalgoorlie Miner*: "I write to thank you for putting in your paper an advertisement, I am pleased to say it reached my brother after whom I required, and I have heard from him through the paper."

Electric lighting

THERE was another lengthy meeting of the Council on Friday night, when the electric lighting was discussed.

A motion was carried in favour of the municipalisation of the lighting service.