

South Australian Brewing Company: a rough chronology

1850s - 1880s

Kent Town Brewery

1857: Logue's "Old" Kent Town Brewery
1876: E T Smith's Kent Town Brewery



West End Brewery

1859: West End Brewery (Hindley Street)



Major SAB acquisitions:

1889: Broken Hill Brewery
1893: Laura Brewery
1893: Port Augusta Brewery
1910: Cannon Brewery

Major Walkerville Brewing 'acquisitions':

1902: Adelaide Brewing Co
1914: Lion Brewing & Malting
1914: Oakbank Brewing Co
1914: Hindmarsh Brewing Co
1926-27: Haussen's Brewery

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1880s

South Australian Brewing, Malting and Wine & Spirit Company

1888: Kent Town Brewery and West End Brewery merged to form "South Australian Brewing, Malting and Wine & Spirit Company" (name changed to "South Australian Brewing Company" [SAB] in 1893)



1890s - 1930s

Walkerville Cooperative Brewery

1898: Torrenside Brewery (1886) and East Adelaide Brewery (1895) merged as "Walkerville Cooperative Brewery"



1920s

1926-28: Nathan Brewing System installed



1900s

1902: SAB installed König Lager System at West End



1930s - 1980s

1938: Walkerville Brewing Company purchased by South Australian Brewing Company

1951: "Nathan Brewery" renamed "Southwark Brewery"

1960s - 1970s: Southwark site expanded and plant extensively modernised

1980: Hindley Street site closed



1990s - 2020s

LionCo

1993: Southwark Brewery acquired by Lion Nathan

2009: Lion Nathan acquired by Kirin

2014-2015: Refurbishment of "West End" Brewery
2021: Closure of West End Brewery



Legend:

- 1: Smith's Kent Town Brewery, c1887 [State Records SA GRG47/22]
- 2: Walkerville Brewery at Southwark, c1918 [SAB archives]
- 3: Walkerville Brewing Company Nathan Bitter label, c1945 [Private]
- 4: Aerial view of Walkerville Brewery, c1936; the 'Nathan Brewery' is top-centre [SAB archives]
- 5: "West End" brewhouse, c2016 [SAB archives]
- 6: West End Brewery, Hindley Street, 1888 [SLSA B10052/1-3]
- 7 and background: Installation of König Lager System, 1902 [SAB archives]
- 8: Aerial view of Southwark brewery, c1998 [SAB archives]
- 9: West End Brewery, 1925 [SLSA B3179]
- 10: Robert A Stock, first Chairman and Managing Director, SAB, 1888-1904 [SLSA B 6789]

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