

# *Last Drinks at the Abercrombie Hotel*

## **Another Pub Cast to the Honour Roll**

The mood at Bow River Publishing's staff muster room was indeed somber when we learnt about the closure of the Abercrombie Hotel at Sydney's Broadway.

The pub closed on 22 January 2010, after a career that started in 1938. The pub had a direct link with Sydney's blue-collar past and was a watering-hole for labourers from the nearby brewery and from factories in the formal industrial neighbourhood of Chippendale. Sadly, the building is planned to be suffocated by a proposed eleven-to-fifteen storey commercial building.

Our roving correspondent, Dominik Giemza, was able to bid the pub goodbye on its solemn last day — which sadly passed without any fanfare, as more of New South Wales' blue-collar heritage slides away.

Farewell to the Abercrombie.



*Amongst the vehicular hustle of Parramatta Road, the Abercrombie Hotel (aka Australian Hotel) stood strong and proud in November 2007. With nature trying to reclaim the building via an aggressive vine growing on the City-side of the building, the old watering-hole would eventually succumb instead to the aggressive nature of Sydney's development mania. In later years the pub was the haunt of Brit Pop music fans, who would hold dance parties at the pub. **Glenn Ryan***