#### **City Baths Source Sheet No. 11**

The original Adelaide City Baths were constructed by the Corporation in 1861 on the western side of King William Road opposite the government domain. Turkish Baths were added a few years later, and in 1883 a new two-storey Baths building was erected on the same site. Further improvements were made to the Baths in 1910, and in 1940 they were completely remodelled with an Olympic size swimming pool and high diving facilities. The Corporation-owned Baths were originally leased by Thomas Bastard and then from 1883 to 1939 by his son Charles Bastard. The City Baths were demolished in 1969 to make way for the Adelaide Festival Theatre, following the construction of the Adelaide Swimming Centre in the North Park Lands (now the Aquatic Centre).

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