#### **Hotels Source Sheet No. 20**

Adelaide’s hotels are one of the more architecturally interesting and colourful features of the City’s cultural heritage. Adelaide has always had an abundance of hotels: in 1840 with a population of 6,651, Adelaide boasted 63 licensed inns and taverns, increasing to 128 by the turn of the century, falling to 72 by 1981. Licensed premises were from the start the responsibility of the colonial authorities who administered them under the provisions of the various Licensing Acts, this function being controlled from 1869 by the Licensing Bench and later the Licensing Branch of the Attorney-General’s Department. The Adelaide City Council was not responsible for licensing hotels (unlike lodging houses), however it did increasingly play a role in regulating building activities at hotel sites and dealing with problems of public health and nuisances caused by hotels. It also owned the Prince Alfred Hotel, adjacent to the Town Hall 1869-1953, and the Langham Hotel, next to the City Market 1880-1968.

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