

## AUSTRAL HOTEL AND SHOPS

187-207 Rundle Street

This complex was erected in the early 1880s for the South Australian Company, one of the most important commercial enterprises in the economic development of South Australia.

William McMinn the architect was commissioned to design the fourteen shops and hotel, and by January 1880 the hotel of three storeys with dwelling accommodation had been completed. Construction proceeded from east to west, the section now occupied by Malcolm Reid being the last constructed in about 1883. In his brief life McMinn showed himself to be competent in the Italianate manner as these buildings, together with the alterations for Samuel Way at Montefiore and the building at the corner of Ward Street and Lefevre Terrace show. He also designed the romantic compositions of Mount Breckan, at Victor Harbor, and Marble Hill, which are unlike his other works.

The part of the complex occupied by Malcolm Reid and Co. was substantially altered for them in 1909, underscoring the success and expansion of the firm. Malcolm Reid and Co. had branches at Port Adelaide and Broken Hill and later opened establishments in Johannesburg and London which indicates the part of the South Australian economy in world trade at this time.

The completed range of buildings occupies almost two town acres and is an unusually large and distinctive composition for Adelaide, comprehensive developments on such a scale being rare in South Australia. The buildings are well constructed of squared sandstone with stucco strings and surrounds to openings. The detailing, although typical of the boom period, is impressively carried out. The original composition was altered slightly by chamfering the corner to Bent Street and erecting the tiered veranda/balcony to the hotel. The four shops west of the hotel are in remarkably original condition, while the hotel and the section occupied by Malcolm Reid have been painted. The Malcolm Reid store now has a continuous contemporary shop front and the rear section has been virtually rebuilt. The accommodation at the rear of the Austral and the four adjoining shops remains thoroughly representative of nineteenth century terrace development with massive bluestone walling and brick dressings.

This range of buildings is of great environmental significance because of its extent and the manner in which it maintains the scale of Rundle Street and enhances its textural diversity. The hotel is of particular importance due to its corner site and tiered cast-iron veranda/balcony.

ACA, *Annual report 1909*, p. 74, Assessments, 1879-81; Burgess, H.T., *Cyclopedia of South Australia*, Vol. 1, 1909, p. 614, MLSA, Historical photographs (Town Acres 88 and 89).

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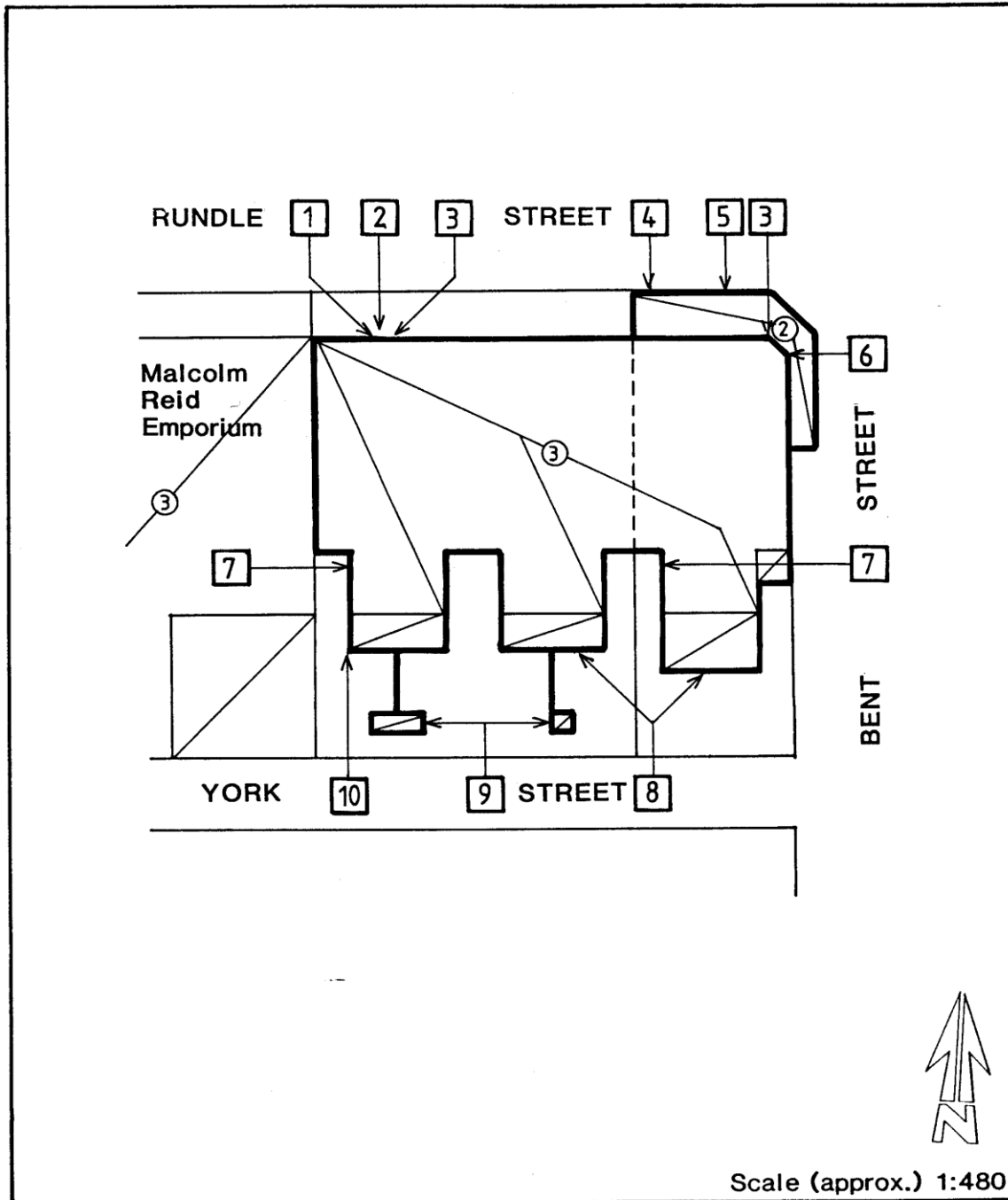


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Item	AUSTRAL HOTEL AND SHOPS	Building No 4/2005
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#### NOTES:

1. Squared punch faced sandstone with stucco enrichment.
2. Shop fronts altered at ground floor level.
3. Sandstone walls to front facade.
4. Note Leadlight frieze.
5. Note Cast iron balustrading frieze spandrels and columns.
6. Note Cast iron lace to balcony.
7. External bluestone walls with red brick quoins and window trim.
8. Bluestone rubble with brick quoins.
9. Red brick outhouses.
10. All new gutters to rear facades.

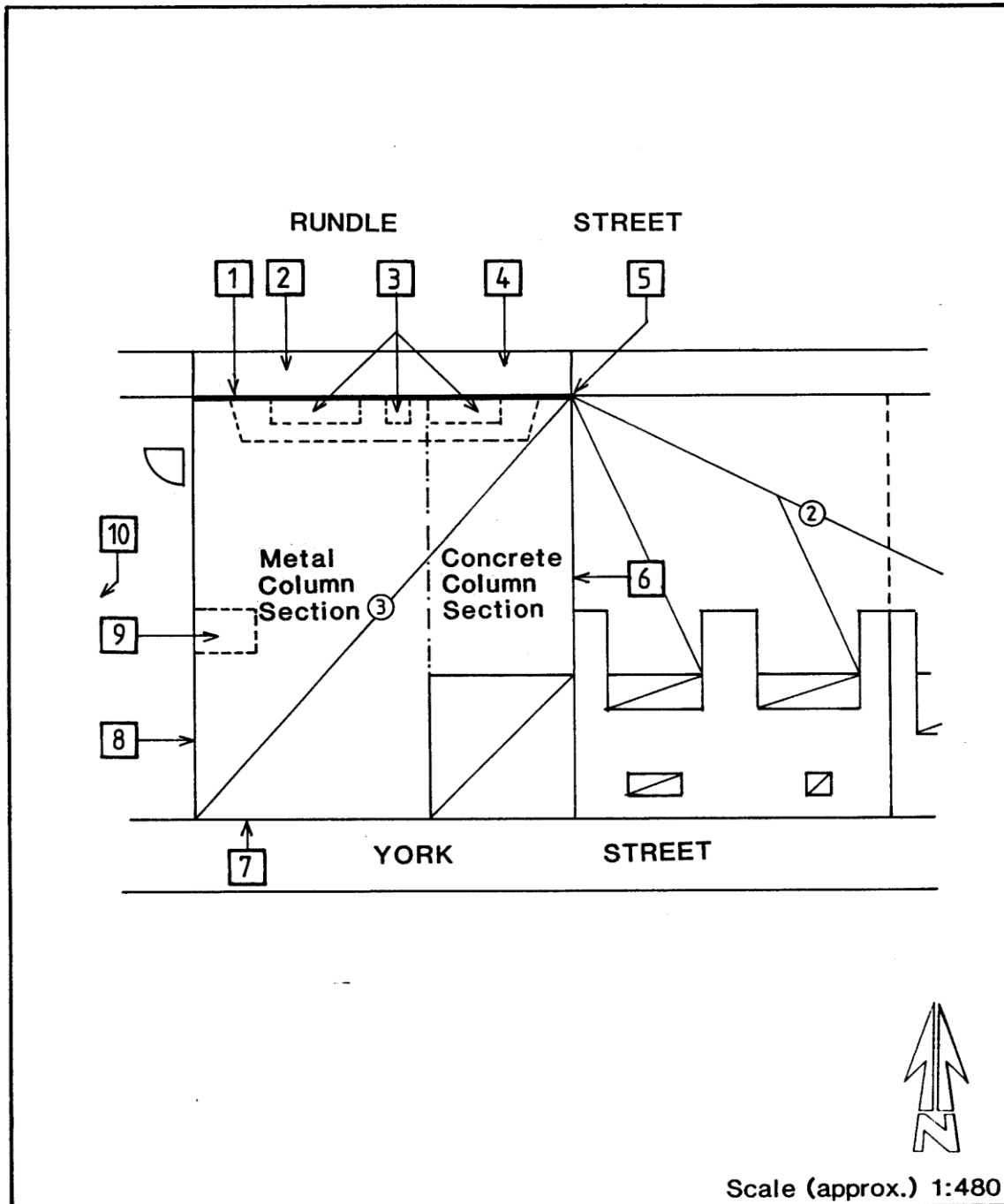


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1. Squared punch faced sandstone with stucco enrichment.
2. Cantilevered verandah.
3. Display cabinets.
4. Note Hood moulds and surrounds to windows.
5. Vermiculated quoins.
6. Bluestone wall.
7. New rear wall.
8. Bluestone wall.
9. Stairs.
10. Rundle Street car park.

N.B. For purposes of this curtilage description, high regard should be held for the integrity of the facade in view of possible development at the rear. Any such development should ideally not be seen from pavement opposite; sight lines drawn from the opposite side of Rundle Street determining the height and set-back of any required redevelopment of this site.

\* (Conservation site comprises that part of the above CT north of the York Street alignment.)