

## TIVOLI HOTEL

261-269 Pirie Street

The site of the Tivoli Hotel has long associations with a music hall, the Swiss Theatre, reputedly dating from 1846. In 1853 its name was changed to the Tivoli Hotel, first licensed by Johannes Schirmer. At about this time an engraving was made of the structure which was unearthed in 1980 during renovations to the present building. This engraving advertised the building as possessing 'Superior Wines, Spirits & Meals . . . Accommodation, Pleasure Gardens,' together with 'Commodious Ball Room, Billiards, America Bowling Alley, lofty & well ventilated Bedrooms, good stabling, etc.' The hotel was substantially rebuilt in 1877.

Throughout the nineteenth century this hotel was associated with a clientele of German origin. Its licensees and owners were German and many properties within walking distance were owned by Germans. One owner, Heinrich Wilhelm Ehmcke, was also a member of the very popular all male German choir the Liedertafel and undoubtedly sang frequently at his hotel. The choir fostered sentiments of the much-cherished German culture. After his arrival in South Australia in 1848, Ehmcke tried farming and then more successfully, mining at the Victorian goldfields. Back in Adelaide he established the Hindmarsh Square sawmill and timber yard and became actively involved in the German Club, the Liedertafel and the Oddfellows. Ehmcke was a successful and exceedingly popular German immigrant and his funeral in August 1877 was described as one of the largest ever witnessed in Adelaide.

The architecture is of note due to the large scale of the complex and the original state of external detailing, particularly the paired brackets to eaves and gables, the brackets on which the balcony rests, and the detailing of the balcony itself. The Tivoli Hotel is one of the most original of Adelaide's surviving nineteenth century hotels.

ACA, Assessments; Loyau, G.E., *Notable South Australians*, 1885, p. 274; MLSA, Historical photographs (Town Acre 216); Morgan, E.J.R., & Gilbert, S.H., *Early Adelaide architecture 1836 to 1886*, 1969, p. 41; *South Australian Register*, 6 September 1877; Tivoli Hotel, Menu card, n.d.

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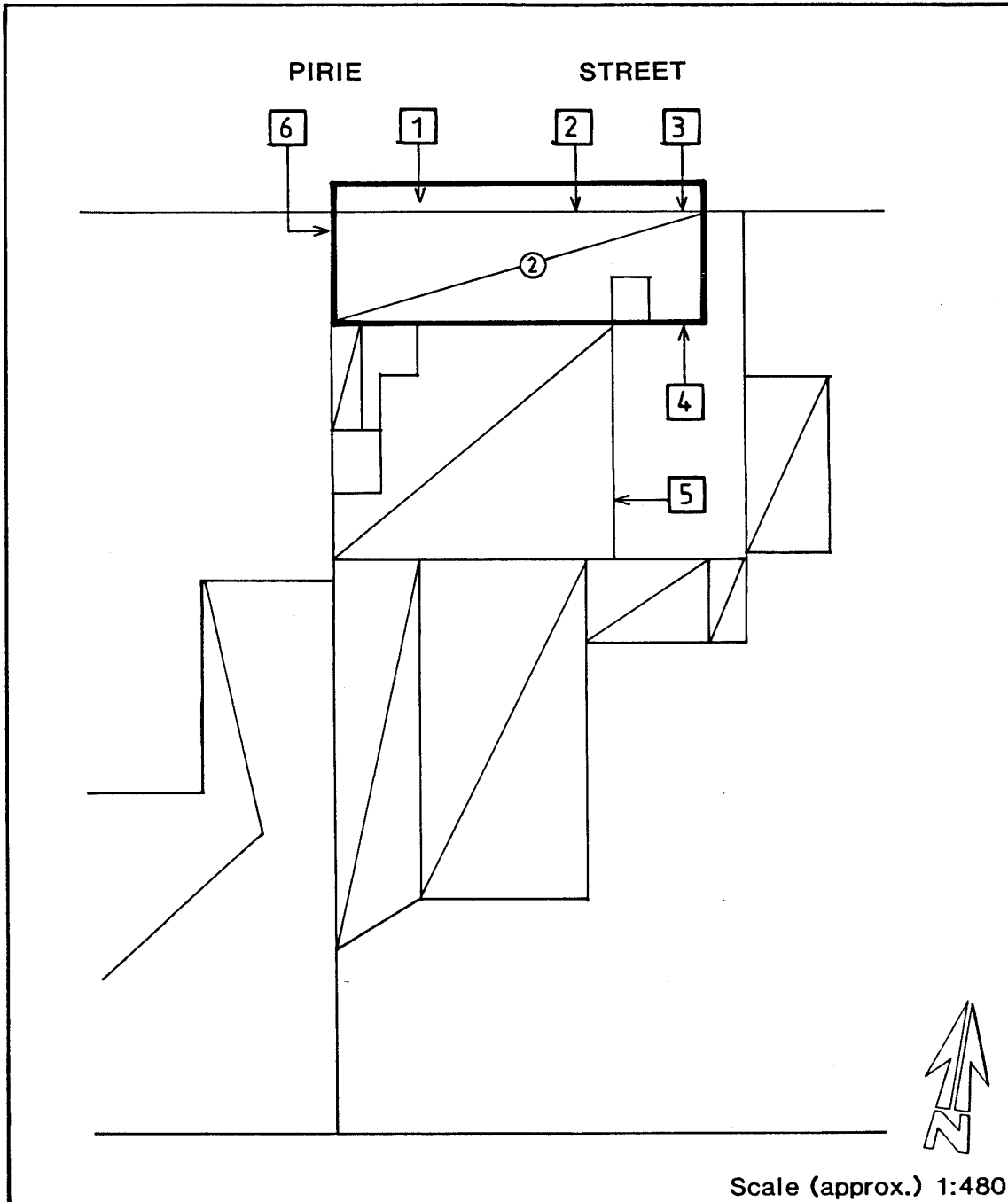


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### NOTES:

1. Note timber brackets under balcony.
2. Note leadlight.
3. Rendered facade.
4. Bluestone at ground floor level, brick at first floor level.
5. Brick.
6. Note bargeboards.

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