

## STAG HOTEL

295-299 Rundle Street

The Stag Hotel is one of Adelaide's important corner landmarks. As it has had an unbroken existence since it was first licensed by George Taylor in 1849, this is also one of the city's oldest hostelries. Most of the hotel was rebuilt in 1903, but unlike 'boom era' hotels this was due to a very local event: the construction of the adjacent Adelaide Fruit and Produce Exchange.

The Stag is one of the few hotels in the city to be identified with this later period of growth when the city's population reached its peak at the same time as the suburban population was greatly increasing.

The *Observer* of 24 January 1903 provided a story of the historical development of the 'Stag Inn'. The old inn had been a landmark since the early days when ' . . . that portion of the City was regarded as almost beyond the bounds of civilisation', with no made East Terrace, and the Park Lands to the east mere scrub intersected by rough bullock tracks. The inn soon became very busy, with its yard ' . . . practically the original East End Market'. There were stockyards, stables and a weigh-bridge provided for buyers and sellers by the hotel. After the market was established, this trade ceased but market traders still found the inn to be the only place to obtain refreshments in the early mornings.

For over fifty years the hotel was owned by G. Taylor and his executors. In 1902 it was sold to Thomas Richardson who engaged the architects Garlick and Jackman to plan the rebuilding. The 'plain but substantial' original building was demolished, but the double fronted western section (probably built in the 1870s) was retained.

The new two storey structure (with an additional attic storey) made good use of the corner site with its turret and return veranda/balcony. Mr Richardson's plans were intended ' . . . to provide more adequate and up to date accommodation for his regular "market morning" customers', and the hotel continued to provide this vital service.

The design of the building is unusual with dormer windows breaking the parapet line, while the use of tiled roof cladding and cast-iron enriched balustrading is typical of this period. The hotel retains an authentic if eccentric appearance as a strong visual component of an area of special character in the city.

ACA, Smith Survey 1880, Fieldbook No. 2; Jackman Gooden Architects, Historical architectural plans; MLSA, Historical photographs (Town Acre 93); McLellan, J., 'Adelaide's early inns and taverns', part 2 in *The Licensed Victuallers Gazette*, November 1941, p. 13; *Observer*, 24 January 1903; *Register*, 10 January 1903; *South Australian Register*, 10 February 1869.

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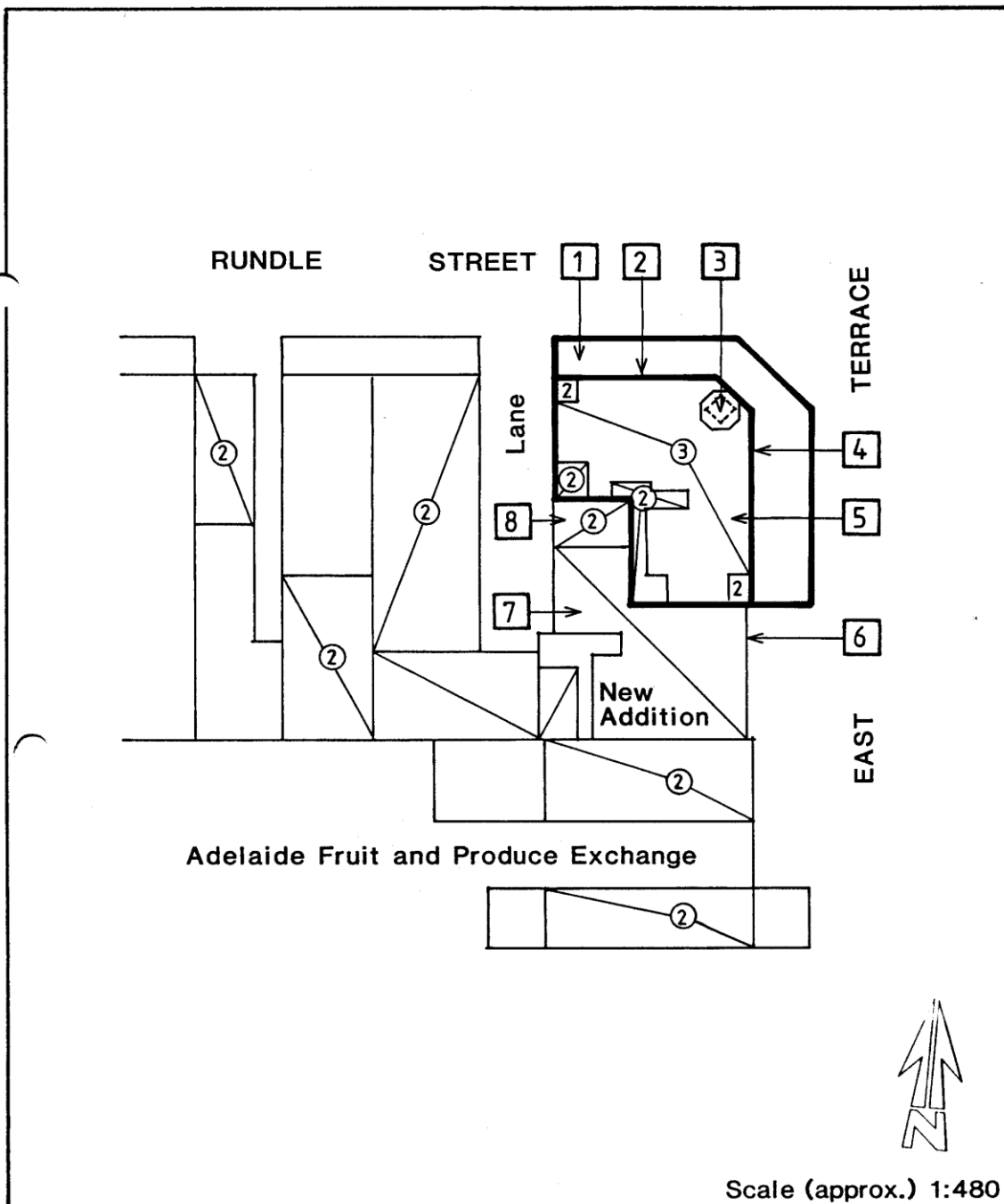


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#### NOTES:

1. Two storey verandah with cast-iron balustrading.
2. Rendered masonry construction with stucco enrichment.
3. Turret and Widows Walk.
4. Note Dormer windows.
5. Note Terra cotta tiled roof.
6. White stucco wall finish.
7. Brick addition.
8. Rendered addition.