

HOTEL FRANKLIN (Former Bristol Hotel)

88-92 Franklin Street

The Bristol Tavern was first gazetted on this site in 1855. It was greatly extended in 1883 and rebuilt in 1910-11.

A most important historical connection was with the United Trades and Labour Council (UTLC) which held its inaugural meeting on the premises on 31 January 1884, followed by fortnightly meetings until 7 March 1884. Later meetings were at the Sir John Barleycorn Hotel and the Selborne Hotel before they were moved to the new Trades Hall in Grote Street in 1896. Public houses were frequently used as polling places, meeting places for court hearings and unions and headquarters for trade unions.

‘Class divisions existed from the very foundation of the colony in 1836 and from time to time caused workers to join in solidarity action and organisations, either in small groups or in larger movements’. These trade unions were firmly established by the 1870s, but when the recession of the early 1880s began to bite, they could not operate successfully on behalf of their members unless there was some consolidation between the different organisations. As a result a council of trade unions was formed. It was very successful and by 1890 there were twenty-two affiliated unions.

Plans for the rebuilding in 1910-11 were passed by Council in 1909 in the name of Fricker. The hotel included a billiard hall and a veranda/balcony which were added in 1912. The Hotel Bristol was renamed Hotel Franklin in 1940.

The hotel is a distinctive structure due to its form, typical chamfered corner and strong correlation with the adjoining building to the east.

ACA, Assessments, *Digest of Proceedings*, 24 May 1909, 26 August 1912, Smith Survey 1880; MLSA, Historical photographs (Town Acre 242); McLellan, J., *Hotels index*, 1839-1875, Historical photographs (Town Acre 242); Moss, J.M., *Sound of trumpets*, 1985, pp. 50, 55, 93, 145; University of Adelaide, Barr Smith Library, Minutes of United Trades and Labour Council, microfilm 5860-7.

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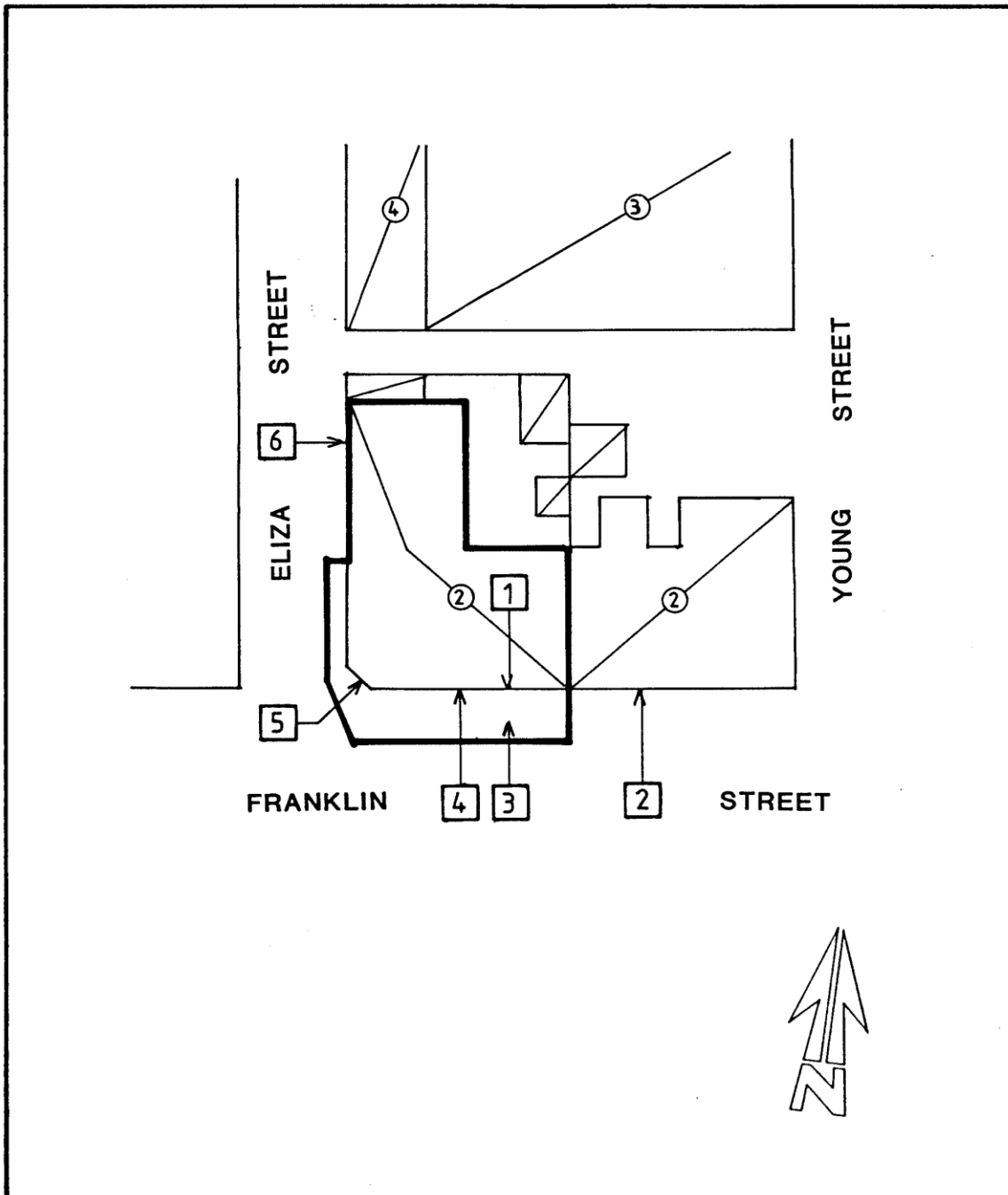


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NOTES:

1. Parapet with nameplate.
2. Adjoining buildings similarly detailed with cast iron balustrading, spandrels, and columns.
3. Substantial tiered verandah/balcony.
4. Punch faced, squared sandstone with stucco enrichment at first floor level, rendered at ground floor level with fixed plinth. (Ground floor greatly altered).
5. Corner turret over chamfered corner.
6. Rendered addition in similar design idiom.