

TORRENS WEIR NO. 1

Torrens Lake/River Torrens



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The Torrens Weir was officially opened on 21 July 1881: An earlier timber weir constructed in 1862 by prison labour having been destroyed by floods in 1872. (The sluice-gates were added in 1929). The new weir transformed the Torrens Valley from a string of muddy waterholes into a picturesque lake as one of the outstanding features of the city. A variety of aquatic recreational pursuits developed which had not been possible before and the new Torrens Lake helped to satisfy the aspirations of the colonists for civilised pursuits and urbane surroundings (see Band Rotunda).

ACA, *Annual report 1880*, pp. 79-99, 1881 p. 69; Cumming, D.A. & Moxham, G., *They built South Australia*, 1986, pp. 119-20; *South Australian Register*, 24, 28 February 1873, 8 March 1881, 21 July 1881, 11 August 1881.



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Item	TORRENS WEIR (NO. 1)	Building No
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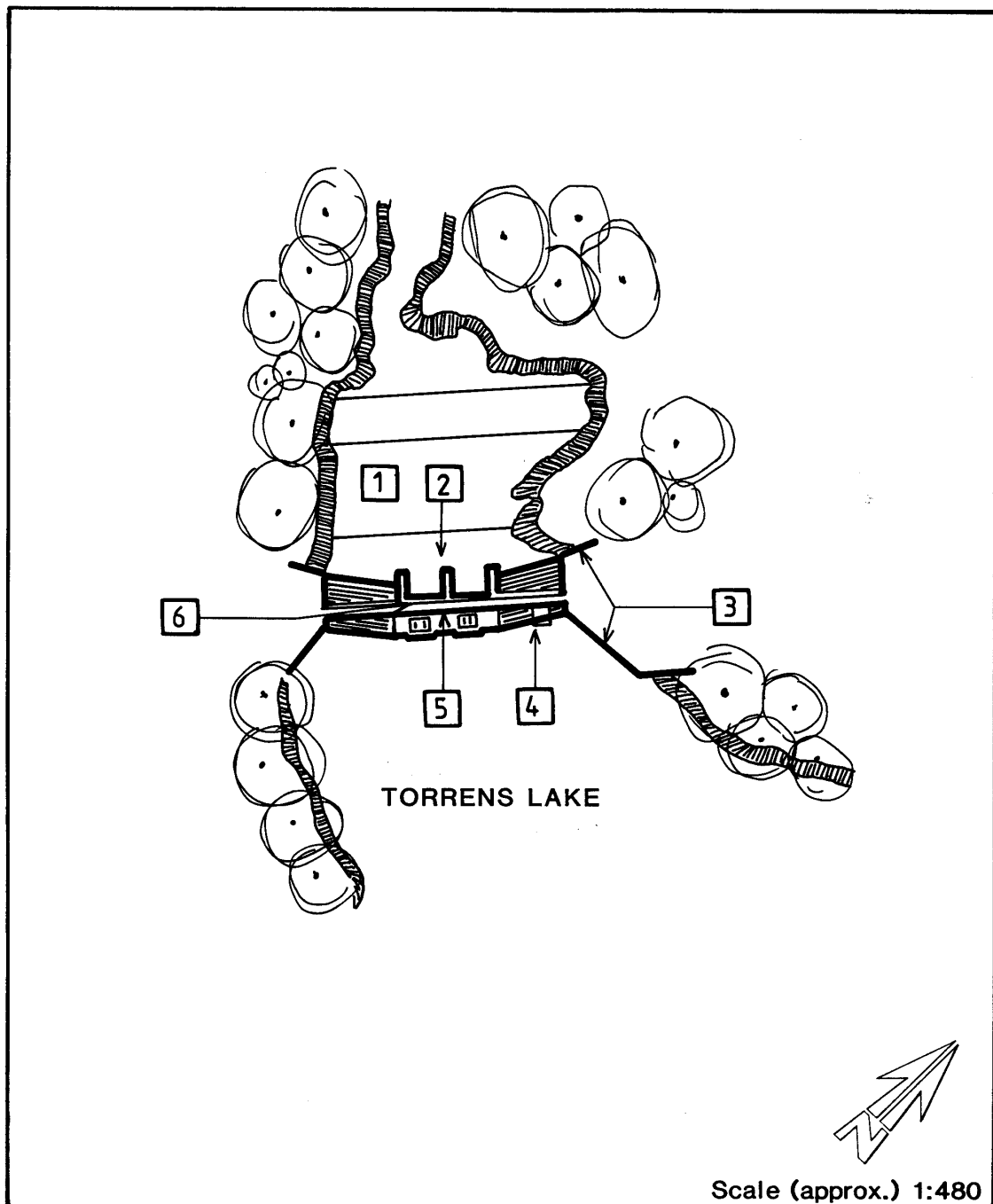


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NOTES:

1. Spillway.
2. Sluice gates.
3. Cast iron railings.
4. Face of original stepped weir.
5. Footbridge over.
6. Concrete construction.