

Adelaide Fire Brigade 1893

Locations of Fire Reels

Details from the Sands and McDougall's South Australian Directory for 1893

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| October. Burrundie—Full and Limited Jurisdiction held 4th Wednesday each month. Special Magistrate—C. J. Dashwood and P. Foelsche, J.P. Justices J. Macansh, M. M. J. Costello, C. E. Lamb, I. S. Little, Alf Giles, A. J. Giles, John McKay, C. Gall, F. J. Gillen, E. M. Curr, J. C. Hutton, P. Foelsche, L. S. O'Flaherty, Adam Johns, C. W. Nash, G. H. Bright, John Farrar, E. H. McPherson, T. Harding, J. F. Uhr, T. A. Perry, J. A. G. Little, J. C. Hillson, H. W. H. Stevens, A. Searcy, J. Dunstan, J. Costello, W. G. | FIRE BRIGADES BOARD. Under Act 495, 1890. Members for 1892—C. L. Meyer, Esq, J.P. (Chairman); H. R. Fuller, Esq, J.P.; Councillor Jas Robertson, J.P.; E. M. Ashwin, Esq; W. B. Wilkinson, Esq, J.P.; Chas Tucker, Esq, J.P. (Mayor of Port Adelaide); W. H. Cox, Esq, J.P. (Mayor of Gawler) Secretary—Arthur Bristowe Superintendent—Geo A. Booker, J.P. Offices—6, 8, and 10 Cowra chambers, Grenfell street Head Station—Flinders street. |
| GOVERNMENT AND OFFICIAL. | |
| Branch Stations—North Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Glenelg, Semaphore, Gawler, Kapunda, Moonta, Port Pirie, Port Augusta. | C.M.G. (Surveyor General), chairman; Charles Todd, M.A., C.M.G. (Government Astronomer), W. Cumming, Charles James Sanders, Charles Hope Harris (Secretary). |

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Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station: Geo A Booker Superintendent of Fire Brigades SA

Port Adelaide: North Parade, next to the Ship Inn.

Birkenhead: On the corner of Rann Street and Elder Street, next to the Birkenhead Hotel

Glenelg: Sussex Street, East side. Fire Reel Station. Frank Felthorn Hopkins is the Foreman in charge. One building back from Jetty Road.

Hindmarsh Volunteer Fire Brigade Fire Reel Number 2. Ninth Street, North side on the corner of Drayton Street

Norwood and St Peters Volunteer Fire Brigade Number 2 Station at the Maid and Magpie Hotel, Between Payneham and Magill Roads and Henry Street.

Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station, Wakefield Street. George A. Booker Superintendent.

Semaphore Fire Station: Semaphore Road, corner of Young Street. Charles Peterson in charge.

Moonta: Chas A. Wooley foreman, on George Street.

Port Pirie: Geo Grandison, foreman of the Fire Brigade.

From the Fire Brigade's Board Annual Report for 1892.

The strength of the brigade is as follows :— One steam fire engine, 1 manual engine, 6 horse-reels, seven hand-reels, 4 horse-carts, 2 telescopic ladders, 8 horses, and 11,000 feet

of hose. There are 11 fire alarm circuits having 54 call points, 7 telephones, and 44 firemen including all ranks.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 11 January 1893, page 3

THE FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

By permission of Superintendent Booker a large party of members and friends of the Knights bridge Lodge, No. 6, I.O.G.T., assembled at the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station in Wakefield-street on Monday evening. The company was received by Mr. Booker, who at once gave an alarm of fire in Wakefield-street, so that the visitors might see the rapidity with which the Fire Brigade turn out. In an instant the horses were attached, the main doors flew open, and the reel had disappeared in 22 seconds. A pleasant hour was spent examining the appliances for extinguishing fire, and everything was found to be in the best of order. A fire-escape display was given, and Superintendent Booker and his men were warmly complimented on their smartness by those present. An adjournment was then made to the music room, where the firemen entertained the party. Mr. T. M. Broadbent in complimentary terms thanked Superintendent Booker and his men for the kindness they had shown in explaining all the many appliances which were kept for the safety of the citizens of Adelaide, and said the Metropolitan Fire Brigade of South Australia compared favorably with the London brigade, but was far ahead of the Continental fire brigades. Superintendent Booker suitably replied.

Kadina and Wallaroo Times (SA : 1888 - 1954), Wednesday 15 March 1893, page 3

ADELAIDE TELEGRAMS

Adelaide, March 14.

FIRE AT THE HOSPITAL.

A fire broke out in the padded room at the Adelaide Hospital during the fumigation of the mattresses to day. Two reels and a fire engine of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade were on the scene, but the fire was promptly on the scene, but the fire was extinguished without their assistance.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 16 March 1893, page 2

A small fire occurred at Dean Marryat's residence, Christ Church. North Adelaide, shortly after 10 o'clock on Wednesday evening, but fortunately very little damage was done, owing to the promptitude and courage of the ladies of the household. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a summons through the North Adelaide branch at 10.23, and Superintendent Booker and his men were on the spot with their usual rapidity. They found that a lath and plaster partition and part of the ceiling on the first floor near the top of the staircase had been alight, but all danger was over before they arrived. The superintendent had a portion of the ceiling cut away and saw all safe for the night before leaving, but the whole process did not occupy many minutes. The building and its contents were fully insured.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Friday 7 April 1893, page 2

Fire in Weymouth-street.

Just as we were going to press an alarm of fire was given to the Central Fire Brigade Station, and the reel and steam fire engine at once proceeded to the Thistle Inn, Waymouth street, where smoke was seen issuing from the upstairs windows.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Saturday 8 April 1893, page 4

FIRE IN WAYMOUTH-STREET.—Shortly before 1 o'clock on Friday portion of the balcony of the Thistle Inn, Waymouth-street, was observed to be burning. An alarm was given to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station, and the fire-engine and a reel were quickly on the scene. The services of the fire warriors were not required, as the flames had been extinguished by a few buckets of water, the damage done being inconsiderable.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 1 June 1893, page 4

ADELAIDE FIRE BRIGADE.

About 30 members of King William road Literary Society visited the Adelaide Fire Station on Tuesday evening last, May 30, and were shown over the buildings by the assistant in command, Mr. Cleveland. The various electrical fittings, mode acted upon in case of an alarm of fire, the various engines, fire escapes, &c., were all thoroughly explained. In the midst of the explanations an alarm of fire was given, and a general stampede ensued, the horses were harnessed, and the engine was in the street in about 30 seconds, giving practical proof of the efficiency of the firemen. After a little music by various members, the Rev. R. Kelly (president of the society) pro-posed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cleveland for his explanations and courtesy in showing the visitors the Adelaide Fire Station Mr. S. Parsons seconded, and Mr. C. Allen sup-ported. Mr. Cleveland, in reply, was sorry the superintendent (Mr. Booker) was not present. The fire brigade did not hide their light under a bushel, but were only too happy to show the visitors through the buildings, and at some future time would be glad to see other members of the society who had been prevented being present that evening. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 13 September 1893, page 4

The Advertiser

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1893.

A small fire occurred in the basement of Messrs. Primrose & Co.'s brewery, off Rundle-street, on Tuesday evening. The Fire Brigade station received calls from the Stephens-place and Bank-street alarms, and the steam fire engine and a reel were quickly on the spot under Superintendent Booker. It was found that the fire had originated in a leakage of gas caused through a defective pipe-fitting. The flames were extinguished before any but rifling damage was done to the beams and ceiling of the malt store, some of the contents of which were spoiled by the water. A man was left in charge of the premises.