

17. TEMPERANCE LANE

BY GEORGE!



Temperance Lane, view from George Street

Issues

Temperance Lane has some issues regarding the discharge of water into the lane from premises adjacent that is still being resolved by Council.

Opportunities

This short lane has limited access to vehicles but is developing into a unique space in the City with York Street Warehouses backing onto it allowing the lane to act as a rear entrance into some special new venues.

Historical Information

This short lane was recently renamed in 2007 as part of the Laneway revitalisation program. Immediately to the south of the lane, a "Temperance Hotel" or "coffee palace" operated from 1879 until about 1890, which can be seen in an extract of Doves' Directory.

The Temperance movement established "dry" hotels in Britain from the mid 19th century. Temperance hotels were established in Sydney in the mid 1870s to provide all the functions of a hotel or tavern - except the provision of alcohol. In addition to catering to the temperance movements ideals, coffee palaces appealed to the new interest in the fashionable drink of coffee instead of the more traditional tea drinking culture.

Adjacent Landowners

- RM WILLIAMS
- 393 GEORGE STREET
- GEORGES HOUSE
- YORK HOUSE
- 56-58 YORK STREET
- GENERAL PANTS



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