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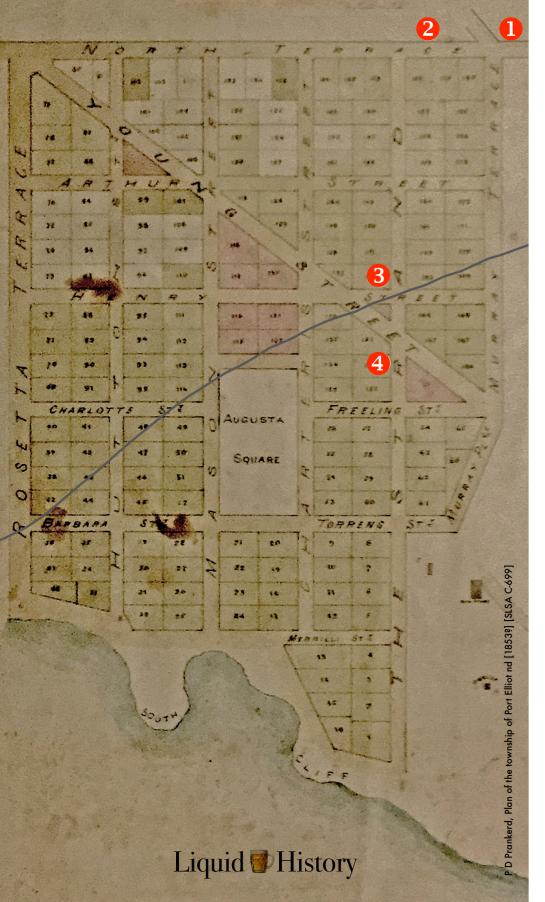

P D Prankerd, Plan of the township of Port Elliot nd [1853?] [SLSA C-699]
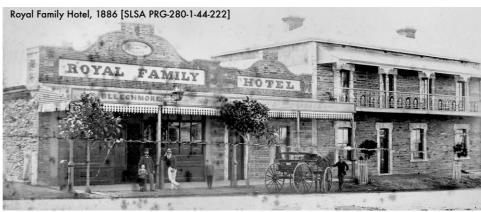
❶ Port Elliot Hotel (Arnella)

The first stone building and the first pub in Port Elliot, the Port Elliot Hotel was licensed from June 1851 to December 1880 when its license was tranferred to the Royal Family Hotel.

"Arnella", the former Port Elliot Hotel, c1975

❷ Royal Hotel (Royal Family Hotel)

Known as the "Royal" until 1894, the Royal Family Hotel has been licensed since December 1880. A second-storey was added to the western side (over what was originally Greayer's general store) in late 1928. The Norfolk Pine in the beer-garden was planted reputedly in about 1872.

Royal Family Hotel, 1886 [SLSA PRG-280-1-44-222]

North Terrace and the Royal Family Hotel with Norfolk Pine at rear, c1889 [SLSA B-42504]

❸ Railway Hotel (Hotel Elliot)

The Railway Hotel has been licensed continuosly since 1868, since 1940 as the "Hotel Elliot". By 1877 the hotel was "the most fashionable watering-hole in the colony." It was extensively rebuilt in early 1879, with the addition of a "a capacious balcony built along the whole front", since removed.
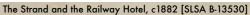

The Strand and the Railway Hotel, c1882 [SLSA B-13530]

Railway Hotel, c1913 [SLSA PRG-1316-12-139]

❹ Globe Hotel

Built in 1854–55 and licensed as a public house until 1875, this 'fashionable seaside hotel' was leased but never occupied as the vice-regal summer residence,1875–78; in 1876 it became "Cliff House" a private guest house servicing the growing tourist trade.

Globe Hotel c1865 [SLSA B-22193]

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