Attachment B2

Draft Inventory Sheet - 134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst - Oxford Hotel

Name of Item	Oxford Hote	ام					
	Oxford Hotel						
Other Name/s C	Oxford Tavern, The Funhouse						
Item type (if known)	Built						
Item group (if known)	commercial						
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Area, Group, or Collection Name							
Street number 13	34						
Street name C	Oxford Stree	et					
Suburb/town D	Darlinghurst					Postcoo	de 2010
Local Government C Area/s	City of Sydn	еу					
Property L description	ot 1 DP 10	7573					
1 11			n side of Oxfor		it its intersect	ion with Bourk	e Street. The
	Latitude		V		Longitude		
Location – MGA94 (if no street address) [or AMG66 if old system]	Zone		Easting			Northing	
	Private						
Current use	Hotel						
Former Use	Hotel						
significance sh h h w d d a c T lii w S T re	Hotel The Oxford Hotel at 134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, has historical, associational, aesthetic and social significance. Its site and sites in its immediate vicinity have been continually licensed for hotel purposes since the late 1850s and it is amongst the earliest sites on Oxford Street to have a continuous association with the liquor trade. The existing building is directly associated with the resumption and widening of Oxford Street by the City of Sydney during the second decade of the twentieth century. The Oxford Hotel has some historic associations with the development of Sydney's rock music scene during the second half of the 1970s and historic associations with Sydney's gay community, having traded to the gay male community continuously since 1982. It is amongst Sydney's longest operating gay venues. The Oxford Hotel associational significance with the Trautwein family, prominent hotel licensees and owners during the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries and with prominent architect Ernest Lindsay Thompson, a prolific designer of hotels in metropolitan Sydney during the first third of the twentieth century. He was commissioned by members of the Trautwein family to design the Oxford Hotel. Although modified, the exterior of the building is a representative and distinctive example of the Federation Free Style and makes an important contribution to the Taylor Square townscape, The Oxford Hotel may have social significance because of its associations with Sydney's rock						

	gay male community for over forty years.	
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Significance	State	Local 🗵
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	DESCRIPTION	
Designer	Ernest Lindsay Thompson	
Builder/ maker	W A Dettman	
Physical Description	Street) façade, its wide opening supported off T timber framed and may be original. Cantilevere and suspension rods protect the openings alon. The original brick and stone surfaces have bee parapets and the corner turret have been remo The ground floor level has been extensively more a timber deck has been constructed against the The hotel's interior has been extensively modification.	s the influence of the Federation Free Style, in, the use of brick and sandstone (providing er of differently sized and shaped windows (in lung). Classical details have been used eneath second floor oriels and keystones in the rof the facades is modulated by brick piers at the large first floor oriel on the eastern (Bourke Tuscan order columns. Window sashes are diawnings supported off wrought steel trusses githe ground floor of the building. In obscured by paint. The uppermost sections of ved, along with the clock on the building corner. Dedified — openings have been reconfigured and the Bourke Street elevation. In only the ground floor was inspected, but its organised around a central island bar has been

Physical condition and Archaeological potential	The buildings are in good condition. Archaeological potential has not been assessed.						
Construction years	Start year	1913	Finish year	1914	Circa		
Modifications and dates Further comments	 Installation of Enclosure of Installation of Application 6 Roof sign sup Repairs and Works require 292/53) Alterations ar Structural sup Toilets and be Support for ve Works require 393/59) Internal alterations are Awning (Builder Roof sign street Internal alterations and be New public be New front doe Alterations to 830/92) Refurbishmen Toilets and be Deck on Bour Refurbishmen Turret remove Clock remove 	show window (Ebalcony (Building bottle departme 20/48) poport structure (Building for each of the comply with a did additions (Building Application for each of the comply with a did and the comply wit	Application 2498/61) Floor and first floor (Building Application 129 (Building Application 80 di's platform, removal of uilding Application 113 second floor (Development Application 32 ford Street (Development)	servery on first floo 5/49) 99) or Act (Developme 3) on 2277/56) 06/57) 77) or Act (Developme Iding Application 1 92/82) 63/89) of bottle shop (Build 6/97) ment Application 1 1/2002) ent Application 93/	ent Application ent Application 971 ding Applicatio 199/2000)		

HISTORY

Historical notes

The first hotel on or near the north-western corner of Oxford Street and Bourke Street was the Cottage of Content, which appears to have been trading by the end of 1859 and for which a licence was granted to Edward Johnston in May 1860. It was located within the third building to the west of Bourke Street. The hotel was rebuilt on the corner of Oxford and Bourke Streets around 1871 and became known as Johnston's Family Hotel. The hotel was taken over by James Ryan in 1886. He changed its name to Ryan's Hotel. After his death in 1891 his widow was granted the licence and managed the hotel until 1898, when it was transferred to Charles Parker. In 1903 it became the Midland Hotel under Arthur Millar then in 1905 the Oxford Hotel under John McCluskey.

Early in September 1907 the licence was transferred from McCluskey to Theodore Trautwein. Theodore Charles Trautwein (1869-1955) was managing director of the Carrington Hotel at Katoomba. He bought and sold many hotels in metropolitan Sydney and was able to buy his first hotel with earnings from racehorses. He was a Member of the Legislative Council in the NSW Parliament between 1934 and 1940. By the end of 1910 the Oxford Hotel was being managed by his brother William. In the interim the hotel site was resumed as part of the process of widening Oxford Street.

Theodore Trautwein negotiated a 30-year lease with the City Council commencing on 1 June 1913. The lease included the construction of a new hotel by the lessee. The present Oxford Hotel was constructed to a design by E Lindsay Thompson on behalf of William Trautwein that was approved by the City Council in June 1913. The tender of contractor W A Dettman was accepted for its construction during July 1913.

Ernest Lindsay Thompson (1870-1935) served his articles in the City Architect's Office. For five years from 1885. In 1894 he was appointed a second lieutenant in the 2nd Garrison Division of the Artillery. By 1897 Thompson had become an Inspector of Public Works in the Colonial Architect's Department but the following year he had opened his own architectural practice. Thompson became a prominent Sydney architect, designing residences, numerous hotels, business premises and cinemas. He served as an alderman for Macquarie Ward in the City of Sydney from December 1900 to December 1927 and in that time was a member of several committees.

William Trautwein transferred the hotel's licence to Walter Derbyshire at the beginning of July 1915. On the expiration of William Trautwein's lease in 1943 the hotel was leased to a succession of licensees before it was sold by the City of Sydney to Hopetoun Pty Limited, a company understood to be associated with Miller's Brewery. The transfer of title took place on 20 July 1960. Hopetoun Pty Ltd sold the hotel to Hafe Pty Ltd in August 1976. At this time, it was known as the Oxford Tavern. Later that year members of one of Australia's most extreme bands, the punk band Radio Birdman, approached the owners of the Oxford Tavern to see if it could take over the venue on weekends on the basis that the hotel keep the bar takings and the bands keep the proceeds of the door entry. The band named the Oxford Tavern venue the Funhouse. Other bands performed there during 1977 but these associations appear to have ended by 1979.

Around 1980 Hafe Pty Ltd sold the building. The title was transferred to Alexander Kalamis, barrister Barry Toomey and chartered accountant Ronald Pantlin. About four years later the title was transferred to Toomey, Pantlin and Wysd Pty Limited. The Oxford Hotel opened as a gay venue on 16 July 1982 with Peter Whittle as licensee. It was advertised in publications from this era as "the latest gay pub on the Strip, restaurant, the Oxford Café upstairs." The hotel became the location for significant events within the gay community. They included the inaugural Bobby Goldsmith Foundation's annual fundraising "Boys Own Bake-off, which was staged there in July 1985 and was held in the hotel for several years, and the launch of the AIDS Council of NSW booklet *Contacts* held in 1995.

It is understood that during the first half of the 2000s the Oxford Hotel expanded into the basement and ground floor of the adjoining building at 130-132 Oxford Street. An application for the refurbishment of the premises undertaken by owner Indigo Mist Pty Limited was lodged in 2006.

The Oxford Hotel was acquired by Pelathon Management around 2010. It subsequently sold the venue to Universal Hotels at the end of 2017.

THEMES						
National historical theme	State historical theme	Local theme				
3. Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	Activities relating to buying, selling and exchanging goods and services				
Building settlements, towns and cities	Towns, suburbs and villages	Activities associated with creating, planning and managing urban functions, landscapes and lifestyles in towns, suburbs and villages				
8. Developing Australia's cultural life	Leisure	Activities associated with recreation and relaxation				

	APPLICATION OF CRITERIA
Historic significance SHR criteria (a)	The site and its immediate environs have been continuously occupied by a hotel, linked by continuity of licensing, since the late 1850s. Although other sites on Oxford Street, such as that of the Burdekin Hotel, have a longer history of continuous licensing, the site of the Oxford Hotel is still amongst the earliest to have a continuous association with the liquor trade. The Oxford Hotel is associated with the resumption and widening of Oxford Street by the City of Sydney during the second decade of the twentieth century.
	The Oxford Hotel has some historic associations with the development of Sydney's rock music scene during the second half of the 1970s, when Radio Birdman and other bands performed there.
	The Oxford Hotel has historic associations with Sydney's gay community, having been a gay male hotel continuously since 1982. It is amongst Sydney's longest operating gay venues.
	The Oxford Hotel meets Criterion A at a local level.
Historical association	The Oxford Hotel has a brief association with Trautwein family, which was prominent as hotel licensees and owners during the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries.
SHR criteria (b)	The building has strong associations with architect Ernest Lindsay Thompson, a prominent and prolific designer of hotels in metropolitan Sydney during the first third of the twentieth century. He was commissioned by members of the Trautwein family, designing the building for its licensee William Trautwein.
	The Oxford Hotel meets Criterion B at a local level.
Aesthetic / creative / technical	Although modified, the exterior of the building demonstrates characteristics of the Federation Free Style and is distinctive in character.
achievement SHR criteria	The Oxford Hotel is a prominent element in the streetscape that makes an important contribution to the Taylor Square townscape, notwithstanding modifications to its exterior.
(c)	The Oxford Hotel meets Criterion C at a local level.
Social, cultural, and spritual	The Oxford Hotel may have social significance because of its associations with Sydney's rock music scene during the second half of the 1970s.
SHR criteria (d)	The Oxford Hotel is significance because of its associations with Sydney's gay community for over forty years. In this time it has been a popular venue for the community and has provided a range of facilities.
	85-91 Oxford Street meets Criterion D at a local level.
Research potential SHR criteria (e)	The Oxford Hotel is unlikely to have technical or research significance because of the amount of change it has undergone over the years.
	The Oxford Hotel does not fulfil Criterion E.
Rare SHR criteria (f)	The Oxford Hotel is not rare. There are a relatively large number of extant Federation era hotels in the City of Sydney, several of which display a higher level of integrity both externally and internally.
	The Oxford Hotel does not fulfil Criterion F.

Representative SHR criteria (g)	The Oxford Hotel, although it has been modified externally and internally, is a representative Federation era hotel. Its exterior is representative of the Federation Free Style. The Oxford Hotel meets Criterion G at a local level.
Integrity	The interior of the building has been extensively modified. The exterior of the building, although modified, has retained a substantial amount of original fabric at first and second floor levels.

HERITAGE LISTINGS							
Heritage listing/s	Oxford Street Heritage Conservation Area, Item C17, Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012						

	INFORMATION SOURCES						
Туре	Author/Client	Title	Year	Repository			
Written		"Publican's Licenses Granted", <i>Empire</i> , 17 May 1860 p.3	1860	https://trove.nla.gov.au/ newspaper/page /5982942			
Written		"Mr H W Trautwein", The Sunday Sun, 11 December 1910, p.14	1910	https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article /226875103			
Written		"Latest Tenders Accepted", Construction, 21 July 1913, p.1	1913	https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article /234766642			
Written		"Hotel Transfers", Sydney Morning Herald, 2 July 1915, p.4	1915	https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/1346 603			
Written		Old Systems Title Book 944 Number 648 dated 31 August 1911	1911	NSW Land Registry Services Historical Land Records Viewer at https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/			
Written		Certificate of Title Volume 2548 Folio 124	1915	NSW Land Registry Services Historical Land Records Viewer at https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/			
Written		Certificate of Title Volume 8137 Folio 240	1961	NSW Land Registry Services Historical Land Records Viewer at https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/			
Written		Sands directory	1858- 1906	City of Sydney Archives at https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/			
Written	John W Ross	Taylor Square: Sydney's first hub	2020	chrome- extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/ https://shazbeige.com/pdf/Taylor_Square_ History.pdf			
Written	marigenh	My Family History: Theodore Charles Trautwein 1869 - 1955	2013	http://cowiepatt.blogspot.com/2013/06/ theodore-charles-trautwein-1869-1955.html			
Written	Hugh Liney and Frank Cotterell	Rock'n'roll Walk of Shame and Fame: Oxford Street	2020 57 5	file:///C:/Users/rlumby/Downloads/Rock-n-RollWalkOfFame-n-Shame.pdf			

Written	Pride History	"Decades of Pride:	2019/	https://www.pridehistory.org.au/decades-of-
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Written	Peter	"Landmark Oxford	2000	https://www.afr.com/property/landmark-oxford-
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		Financial Review, 24		
		March 2000.		

	RECOMMENDATIONS
Recommendations	The Oxford Hotel at 134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst should be listed as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 of Sydney Local Environment Plan 2012.
	The following actions are recommended:
	 The first and second floor sections of the buildings' Oxford Street façades should be retained and conserved. Owners should be encouraged to regain the original appearance of these sections of the facades, including the removal of paint from brick and stone surfaces and reconstruction of the turret and parapets. This will improve the buildings' contribution to the Oxford Street Heritage Conservation Area. All conservation works should be undertaken in accordance with the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance (The Burra Charter). Surviving original and early elements, structure, walls and finishes should be retained and conserved in any future development. The buildings have potential for adaptive reuse because of the amount of change that has taken place internally. Maintaining existing uses are considered appropriate. New walls should not obstruct windows. Suspended ceilings should not obstruct window heads. If upper storey additions are considered, they should be set back from the façades so that their integrity, independent identity, and significant role as a legible and discrete element in the streetscape are maintained. Remove vegetation growing on the northern side of the building. Keep brickwork clear of any regrowth.

SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION							
Name of study or report	Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ Heritage Study. City Government Area, NSW.	Year of study or report	2023				
Item number in study or report	N/A						
Author of study or report	Tanner Kibble Denton Architects Pty Ltd.						
Inspected by	External inspection by TKD Architects.						
NSW Heritage Manual guidelines used?	Yes 🖂		No 🗆				
This form completed by	Roy Lumby	Date	April 2023				

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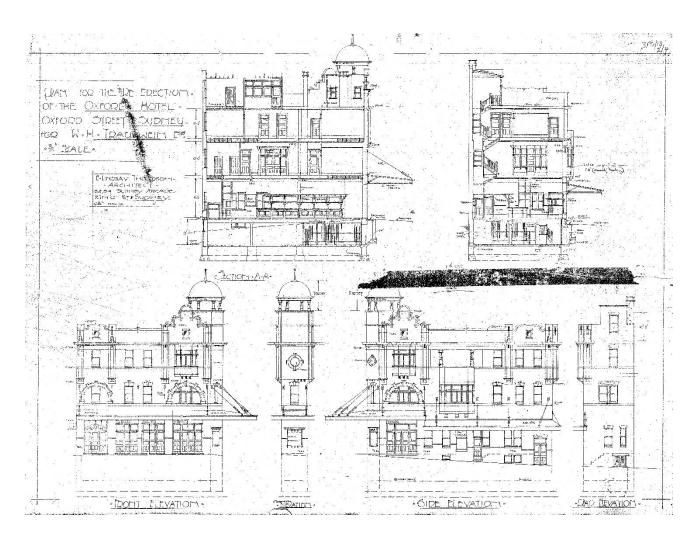


Image caption	Drawing produced in the office of Ernest Lindsay Thompson describing floor plans of the Oxford Hotel. The drawing is dated May 1913 (City of Sydney Archives Building Application 0380/13).					
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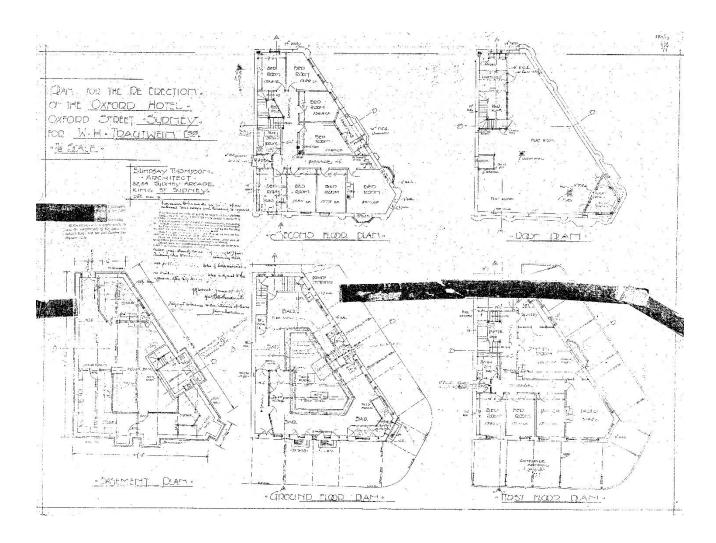


Image caption	Looking north from Taylor Square to the Oxford Hotel, which is nearing completion.				
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Image caption	Repository idea	Oxford Hotel viewed from the south-east (Australian National University: Institutional Repository identifier N60-YC-499 at https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/102280).						
Image year	1930	Image by	Tooth & Co		Australian National University			



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Image caption Procession crossing Taylor Square in front of the Oxford Hotel (State Library of NSW Home and Away – 4731).								
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Image caption Looking west along Oxford Street from Taylor Square – Oxford Hotel at top right (City of Sydney Archives Unique ID A-00058118 - Len Stone Photograph Collection)								
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Image caption	The Oxford Hotel – external surfaces and first and second floor levels were painted in the early 1950s (Australian National University: Institutional Repository identifier N60-YC-499 at https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/102274)							
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Image caption	The Oxford Hoel, 1970 (Australian National University: Institutional Repository identifier N60-YC-499 at https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/102272)						
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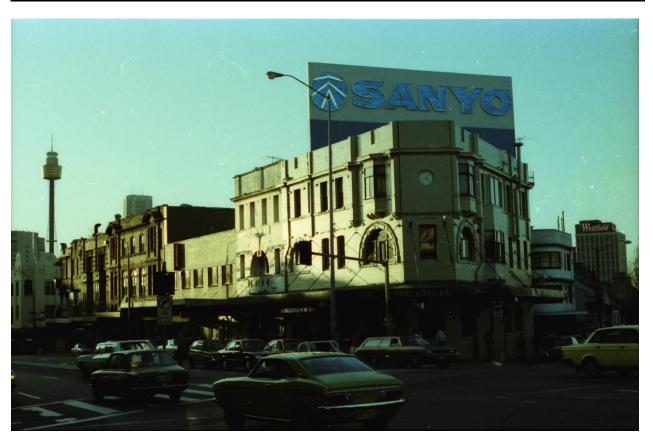


Image caption	Leo Schofield, Maggie Kirkpatrick and another judge checking out the cakes at the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation competition bake-off staged at the Oxford Hotel (City of Sydney Archives UID A-00068830).					
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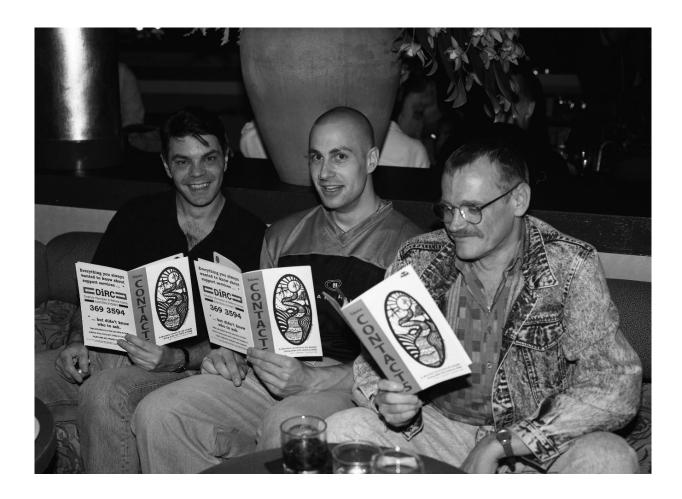


Image caption	Oxford Street fac	Oxford Street façade of 134 Oxford Street (City of Sydney Archives Unique ID A-01129161).					
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Image caption		View facing north-west across Bourke Street to south-east frontage of the building (City of Sydney Archives Unique ID A-01129162)					
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Image caption	Oxford Hotel vie	Oxford Hotel viewed from the intersection of Oxford and Bourke Streets					
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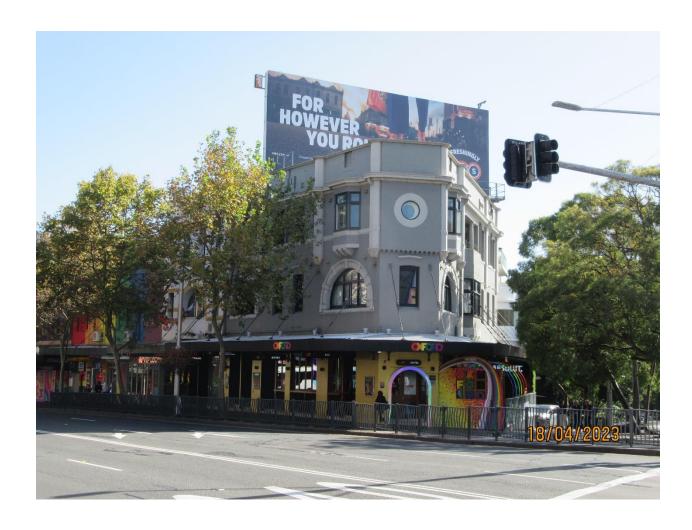


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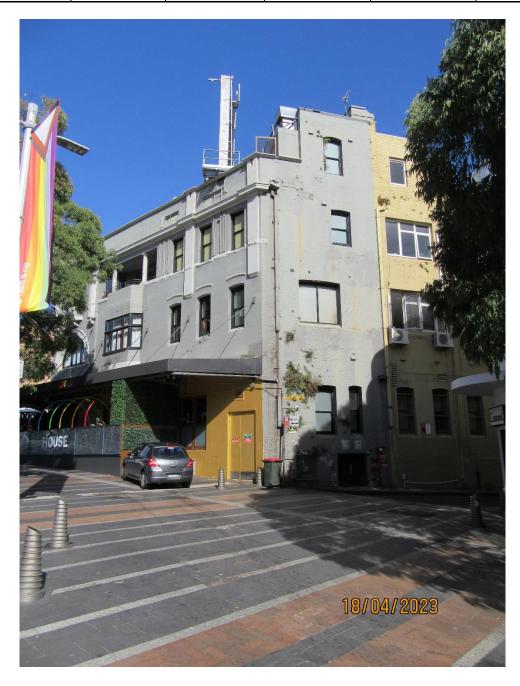


Image caption	Awning suspens	Awning suspension rods with decorative wrought elements.					
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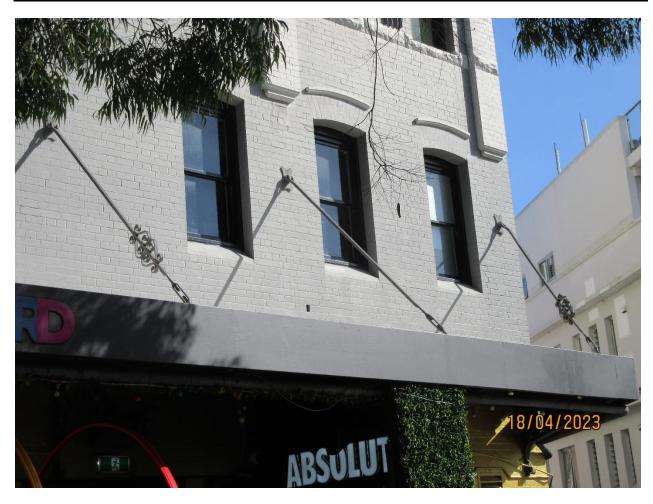


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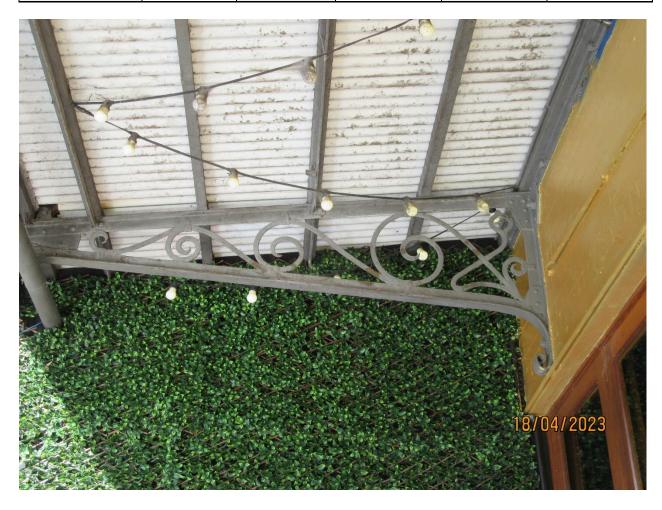


Image caption	Cast concrete column and pressed metal ceiling lining above the second floor balcony on the Bourke Street façade. The ceiling lining is unlikely to be original.					
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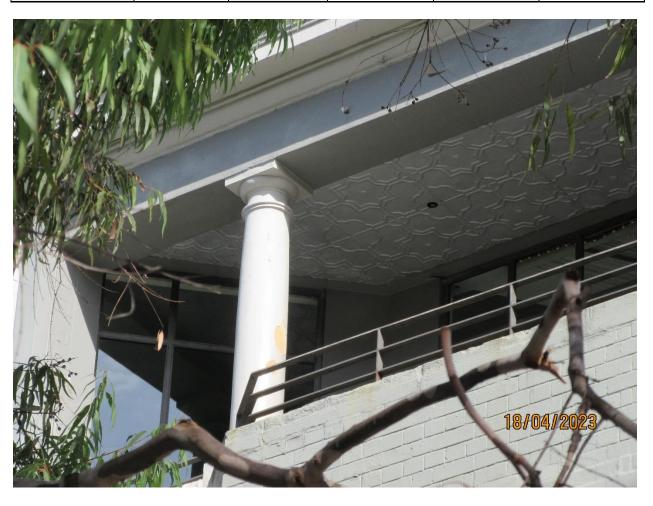


Image caption	Looking east along Oxford Street – fenestration to the ground floor levels of 130-134 Oxford Street.					
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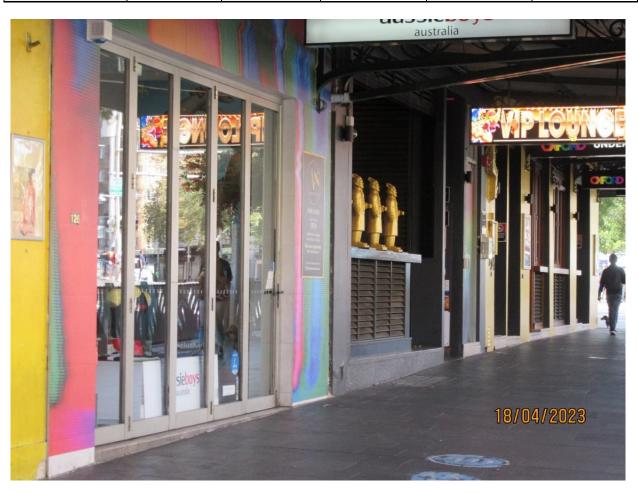


Image caption	Ground floor fen	Ground floor fenestration along Oxford Street.					
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Image caption	Entry to the ground floor bar.					
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Image caption	Deck adjacent to the Bourke Street façade.				
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