

The story of the fight to save the Aurora Hotel, 1983

Time Gentlemen, Please!!







Built in the 1850s, The Aurora Hotel as it appeared in 1912





The Aurora Hotel 1970





The public meeting on the footpath of The Aurora, 25 October 1983





Andrew Cawthorne, the principal figure in the campaign to try and save The Aurora, presenting a petition to Jack Wright at Parliament House, Adelaide, 8 November 1983





Between 12.30am and 2.30am on Friday 2 December 1983, The Aurora's façade was demolished.

No attempt was made to salvage old glass, joinery or iron lace.

The builder's priority was to stop further protests. Everything got crunched.