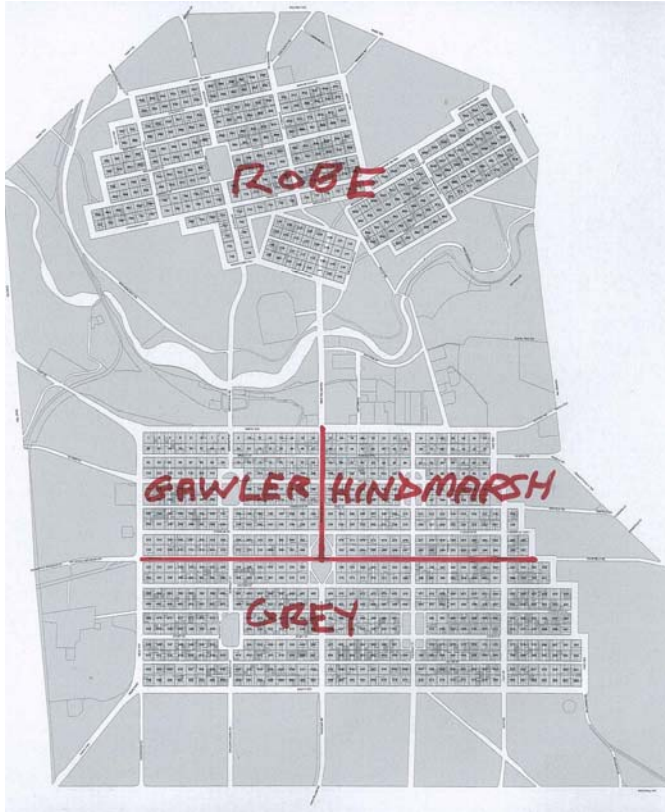


History of the City Wards

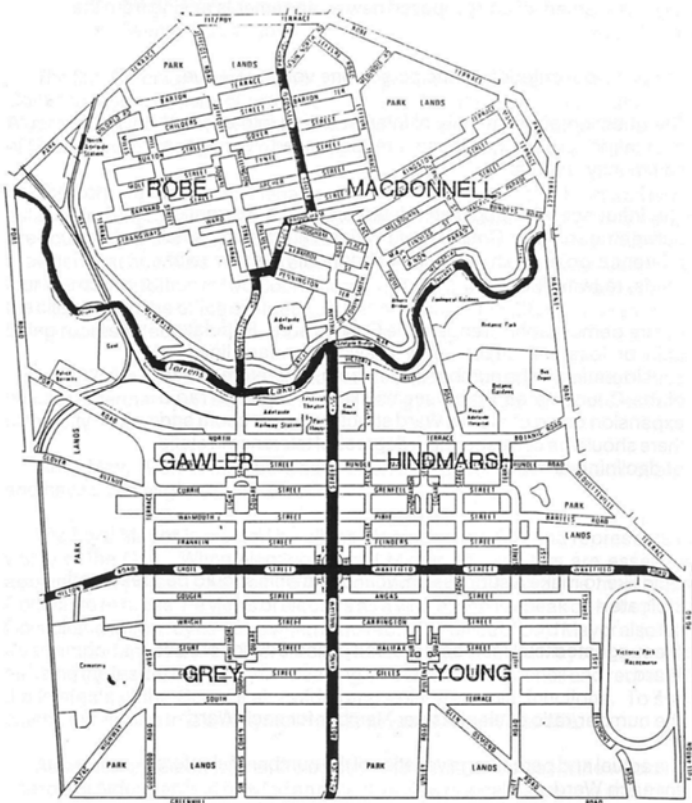
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The Ward system was constituted under the Municipal Corporations Act 1849 which divided the city into four wards, named after the ex-governors - Gawler, Hindmarsh and Grey Wards in South Adelaide, and Robe Ward in North Adelaide. The Council consisted of 4 aldermen and 12 councillors, of whom one was elected Mayor.

The Municipal Corporations Act of 1861 vested the election of the mayor directly in the citizens and abolished aldermen, so reducing the number of councillors to eight – 2 per ward and set the borrowing capacity to 20,000 pounds.

CITY OF ADELAIDE – WARD BOUNDARIES



In 1873, the Municipal Corporations Act redivided the City into six wards by creating Young and MacDonnell out of the populous and under-represented Grey and Robe wards.

The eastern half of Grey Ward became Young Ward, and the eastern half of North Adelaide became MacDonnell Ward.

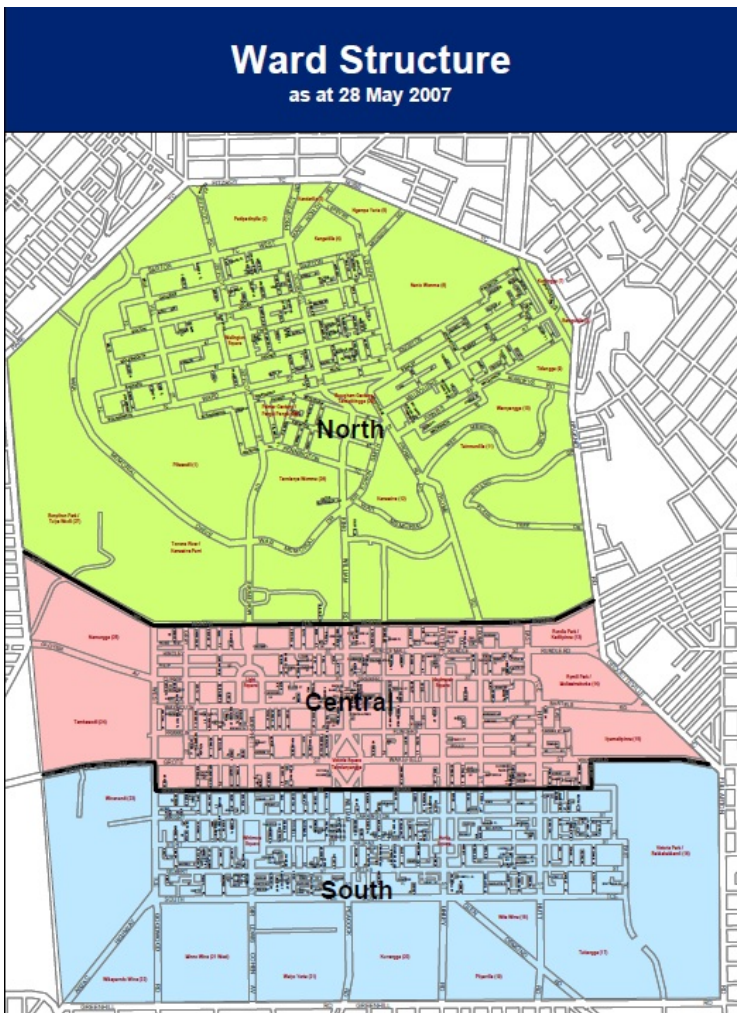
It increased the number of councillors to twelve and doubled the borrowing capacity to 40,000 pounds. In 1880, to office of aldermen was revived.



The six wards remained unchanged until December 1992, when the number of Wards was reduced to five with the amalgamation of Gawler and Hindmarsh Wards for the 1993 election.

The *City of Adelaide Act 1998* reduced the Council from 16 to 9 members including the Lord Mayor, removing the position of Alderman and **removing the Wards** ensuring that members elected were to be representatives of the whole.

Source: Item 6.2 Information Report - Review of Governance Structure of Council Wards - Process - Operational Committee - Report - 11 October 1999



In 2007, the Wards were re-introduced as North, South and Central Wards.

Sources: *After Light A History of the City of Adelaide and its Council, 1878-1928* by Peter Morton

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