

Woolstore 1888 Accor Hotel, 139 Murray Street Pyrmont NSW 2009 - opened on 19 January 1888 as one of Sydney's earliest purpose-built wool stores. It was designed by the architectural firm Morell & Kemp, specialists in industrial buildings of the era. Key features included: saw-tooth roof design for even natural light with oversized industrial windows— essential for wool classing, large timber floors and wide bays to support the weight of wool bales, exposed brick and ironbark beams typical of late-19th-century industrial construction. At the time, Pyrmont was one of the busiest wool-handling precincts in the world, with more than twenty wool stores operating on the peninsula. The building was restored and converted into a boutique hotel, now known as Hotel Woolstore 1888 – ACCOR Handwritten Collection. The redevelopment preserved key heritage elements. Today it is recognised as the oldest surviving wool store in Sydney. 🏛️

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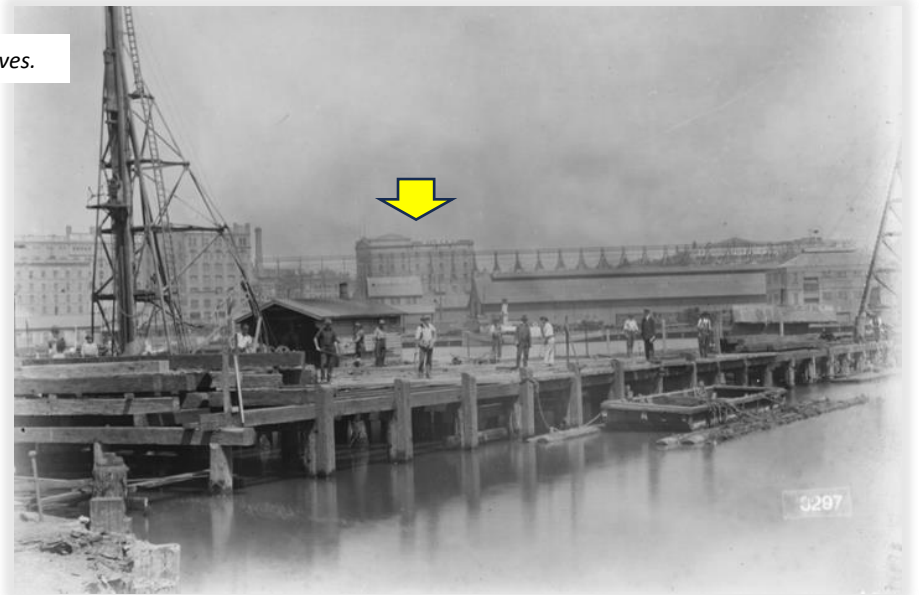
I was granted exclusive authorized access to the Service Utilities room of the hotel to view the water meter which is a **50mm Honeywell flanged Turbine mechanical display type.**





B&W pics courtesy of Sydney City Archives.

Steam Trains with loaded Wool Bails at Darling harbour Railyard. ▲



Pyrmont Docks with the 1888 Woolstore visible in rear -early 1900's ▲



I stay at the 1888 hotel periodically and soak up the historic ambience of the premises, dining inhouse, ideal proximity to local attractions and exploring the surrounding locale hunting for historical sites and water meters.

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Looking up Murray Street with the 1888 Woolstore visible at the left rear – 1915. ▼



Pictured; Percy's Dining & Bar and a Chic styled hotel room.