

**Star Hotel**, formerly **Phoenix Hotel 1854** –  
160 Clarendon Street, corner Market Street, South Melbourne  
MEL: 2F C12



Star Hotel, 2004

One of four hotels built on allotments purchased in the first land sales in Emerald Hill in 1852, the Phoenix, a ten-room brick hotel with a slate roof, was first licensed by Thomas Dollard in 1854. His wife's funeral proceeded from the hotel on 9 June 1859. There are reports that the Phoenix was used as the headquarters of Emerald Hill's first local paper, the *Weekly Times*. The Phoenix was renamed Star Hotel in 1862 by Christian Henry Heier, who had previously been a publican of the Star Hotel in Swanston Street. Architects WH Ellerker & Co called for tenders for alterations in 1871. The hotel was auctioned on 1 June 1874. It was rebuilt in 1877 by Thomas Cowen, formerly of the Market Hotel. During the early 1990s, the Star Hotel converted to a nightclub and today is considered one of Melbourne's premiere live entertainment venues featuring Australia's leading cover bands, hottest DJs and special events.