

Garden Palace

Identification

EBN	138507
Name	Garden Palace
Construction Type	building with towers
Current Status	demolished [destroyed]

Location

Continent Name	Oceania	District (1st level)	City of Sydney
Country Name	Australia	Postcode	2000
State Name	New South Wales	Address (as text)	Macquarie Street
Metro Area Name	Sydney Metro Area	Latitude	Contact us
City Name	Sydney	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Architectural style	neo-classicism
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Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	209.97 ft	Floors (underground)	1
Height (tip)	209.97 ft	Floors (overground)	2
Height (obs. deck)	98.43 ft	Elevators	1

Years and costs

Year (construction end)	1879
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Facts

- Early on the morning of September 22, 1882 the complex was completely destroyed by a 6-hour fire. All that remains from the palace are the steel gates which can be seen on Macquairie Street.
- The cruciform shaped structure had halls that stretched 244m x 152m long. At the end of the halls were stone towers 36m high for observation.
- Builder John Young built the massive structure in only 8 months out of Oregon timber shipped from America. 1500 men worked around the clock (3 shifts), using powerful arc lights at night.
- The 31 meter diameter dome was the world's 6th largest.
- Architect James Barnet prepared plans for the building to hold an International Exhibition.
- The northern tower housed Australia's first hydraulic passenger lift.
- With its massive dome this was the tallest building in Sydney when completed, surpassing the 57 meter Town Hall clock tower built 4 years earlier.

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