



Nomination for URBAN Award

Restoration of Electra House

King William Street, Adelaide



Image: David Sievers Photography

Electra House had been derelict for 8 years prior to undergoing adaptive re-use works to convert the building into a hospitality venue. A contemporary and functional renovation of the heritage-listed building to include new bars, a restaurant, function rooms and a beer garden, providing it with a dynamic new presence on King William Street, has now been completed.

Heritage restoration works and upgrades included earthquake upgrades, re-pointing of masonry, salt damp remediation, sub-floor drainage system, a new concrete slab in the basement and internal plaster restoration, including mouldings.

To minimise the impact on the heritage fabric, works included earthquake bracing in floor zone, subfloor ducting, locating a new lift in the existing light well and a new false first floor for commercial kitchen and toilets.

The core ideas included the adaptive re-use of a heritage-listed insurance building into a hospitality venue with minimal impact on the heritage fabric for adaptive re-use and a minimal colour scheme to accentuate the original heritage features.