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Restoration, Melbourne

Architect: Designinc
Melbourne



Restoration of this building of historical significance called for precision with staging of the works, with a complex system of perimeter scaffolding providing the only access for workmen to enter the project. The site was to remain fully operable, with uninhibited internal and external access a necessity to accommodate daily tenants and the high volume of visitors. Works were varied, calling for the replacement of the leaking roof, replacement or repair of water damaged lathe and plaster ceilings, internal paintwork of the highest quality, repair of cedar windows and the relaying of external bluestone

paving which required the laying of new concrete slabs. Another key component of the works was the substitution of plastic repair for stone replacement, calling on precision in the matching of the repair to the existing stone colour variations. The decision to use plastic repair delivered considerable savings

in terms of costs, avoiding the time-consuming element of total stone removal and reducing the overall scaffolding program. The judges were forthcoming with accolades for the restoration of this magnificent building of the utmost character with particular praise for the workmanship in the stairwell.

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Detailed staging of the works to this historic operational building was of utmost importance, with complex perimeter scaffolding required for inspection of the stone to identify the extent of repairs and to accommodate the replacement of the roof. The restoration involved the substitution of plastic repair for sandstone replacement; repair or replacement of water damaged ceilings; repair of services and cedar windows; matching of internal paintwork; and the relaying of subsiding bluestone paving which required new slabs to be laid.