

# Case Study

## Bligh Place (Leicester House) Melbourne

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Adaptive Reuse  
City Housing Initiative

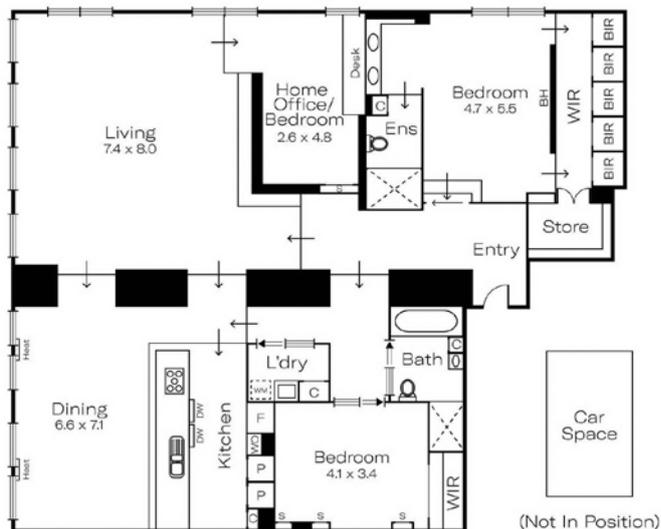
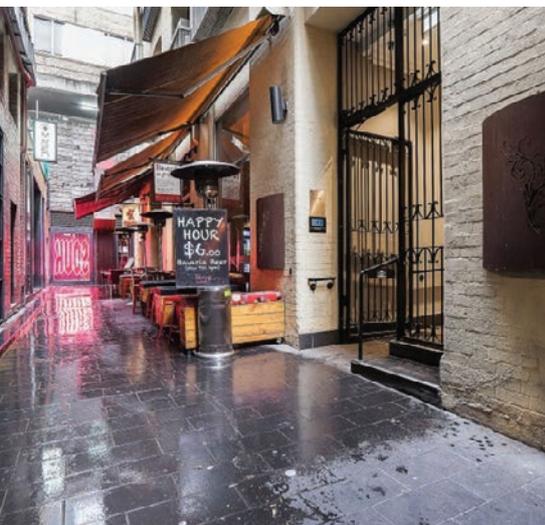


This adaptive reuse project has created 19 separately titled apartments from a former warehouse located in the Melbourne CBD. The original warehouse was constructed in two parts – the first section was built in 1886, with a later addition completed in 1919. The main facade of the original warehouse faces onto Flinders Lane and is finely detailed in the classical style typical of the period. The apartment sub-division was created around the year 2000 with upgrades such as new lifts and fire separation occurring at this time. The ground floor accommodates a mix of commercial tenancies including bars and restaurants.



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### Entry

The entry to the building for apartment access is via Bligh Place, a narrow lane to the side of the building. This has allowed the ground floor along the main façade to be entirely free for commercial tenancies and allows internal circulation and lifts to be located so that apartment frontage to Flinders Lane is maximised.

### Apartment Layouts

Individual apartments have been laid out in order to maintain the existing structure and heritage features of the building as much as possible. Living spaces such as living rooms, dining rooms and kitchens are located to the outside of the building to maximise natural light and ventilation via existing windows. Bathrooms, laundries and storage areas – which aren't required to have access to natural light or ventilation – are located internally.

### Consultant team

Original architect - Thomas J Crouch and Nahum Barnet (1886, 1919)  
Upgrades – Various

### Timeline

2000–2006

