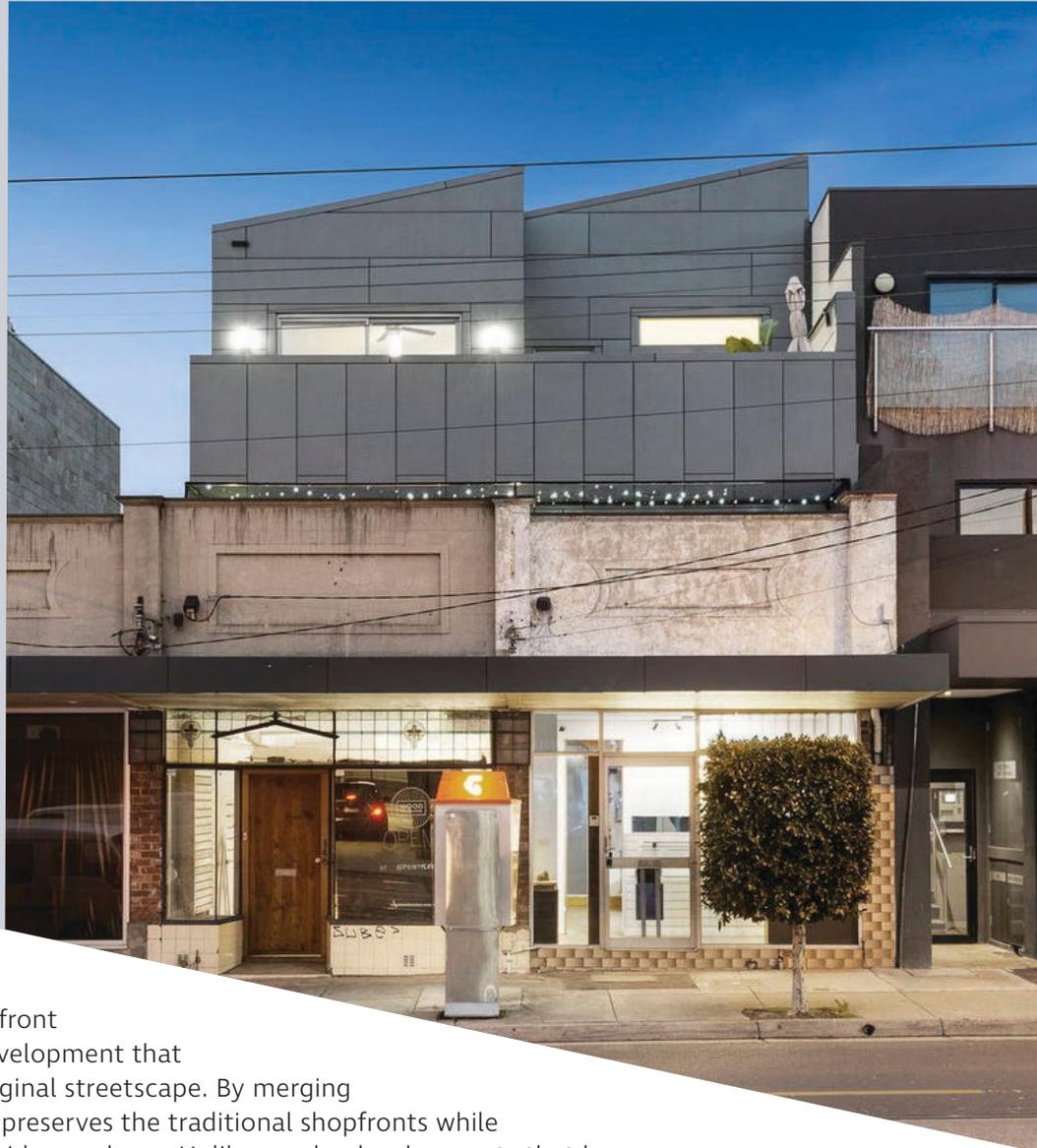


# Interstate Case Study

## Melville Road Apartments Brunswick West

# ARCHI

Adaptive Reuse  
City Housing Initiative



The Melville Road Apartments project transforms two adjoining shopfront properties into a mixed-use development that retains the character of the original streetscape. By merging two separate titles, the design preserves the traditional shopfronts while introducing a generous new residence above. Unlike nearby developments that have replaced existing shopfronts with entirely new structures, this project takes an alternative path. By choosing to retain and adapt the original buildings, the design reinforces the established character of the street while delivering high-quality, contemporary living.



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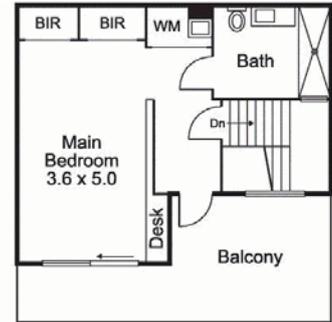
## Streetscape Integration

The development consciously retains the northern shop tenancy in its original commercial function. The southern shopfront, meanwhile, is reimagined to serve as both the entry to the residence above and a flexible studio or home office. This adaptive reuse maintains an active presence to the street while enabling a new residential use above.

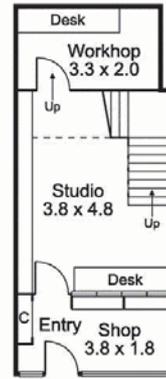
## New addition

The upper-level addition is set back from the original facade, allowing for a private balcony concealed behind the parapet and directly accessible from the living area and first bedroom. A second, street-facing balcony on the top floor provides additional outdoor space, enhancing natural light and outlook.

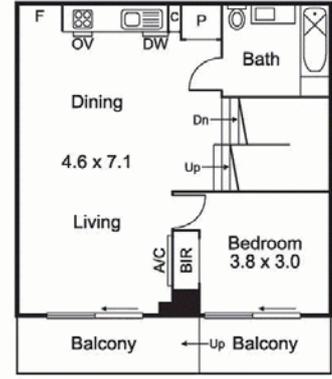
A distinctive double sawtooth roof caps the new structure, subtly referencing the proportions of the shops, establishing a formal dialogue between old and new.



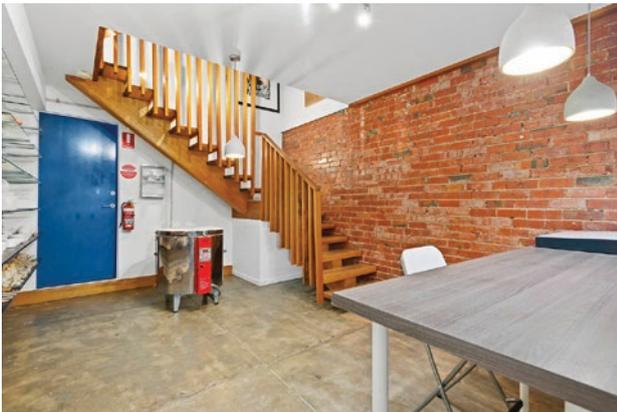
SECOND FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR



Ground floor entry and studio space



First floor open plan living area



Top floor balcony