



Federation period department store gets a facelift

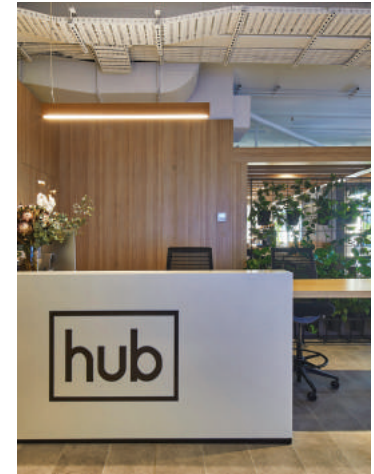
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A rare surviving example of federation period architecture in Sydney's inner city has been brought back to its former glory by Fugen, albeit with a modern twist.



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Winns Department Store occupied the building at 223 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst from 1911 to 1982. The now heritage listed building was redeveloped several times during that period, and was eventually revamped for mixed commercial and retail businesses.

When the building was bought in 2017 by Coweley Winns Pty Ltd, much of it was archaic and damaged.

The lower four levels were stripped back to the building's core structure, with the top level and roof completely demolished. A new top floor, roof and service platform were constructed, including an outdoor terrace that provides patrons with views over the CBD.

The existing lift core was demolished and replaced with a double lift that now spans all five floors. The antiquated bathrooms and stairs were also demolished and in their place contemporary bathrooms, fire stairs and services

installed to transform the 100 year old building into a modern, state-of-the-art shared work space.

To preserve the heritage status, Fugen remediated the badly damaged façade, both structurally and aesthetically. This included repairing the four octagonal columns and restoring the terrace domes and decorative corbels.

Internally, the central heritage staircase and ornamental columns were restored to their original features.

With the building structurally sound, Fugen then refurbished all five levels for Hub Australia to comply with contemporary shared office space specifications.

Using beautiful architecturally designed finishes, Fugen created multiple open-plan office spaces, private suites, meeting rooms, board rooms, kitchen facilities, café, bar, terrace, reception, and change rooms, as well as a lower level car park and bike storage room.

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