

Located within the tight urban form of the historic centre of Lambton, this project is a reuse of a former 1960's Salvation Army hall and adjacent site as an early learning centre and the proprietor's residence. The building is located on the western half of the site at the corner of Pearson and Grainger Streets on an almost square 945.4 square metre site. The original red textured brick hall, rear office and flat annex have been completely refurbished and extended to accommodate a 46 place facility.

Design of early learning centres are strictly controlled by NSW Government regulation with set areas required internally and externally per child. The original hall and office are divided into several new spaces tailored for use of infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers and staff. Additional office space is located on the mezzanine level over the hall. A refurbished flat has been located over the rear of the centre. The open section of the site is divided between parking for 12 cars, comprising of 6 for staff us, 6 for visitors (including 1 disabled parking space).

The original building has been softened by the addition of new verandah spaces and entry gateway. The verandahs form both covered access ways to the main outdoor play space and part of the required undercover play space. The main play space has a new shade structure as required by government regulation. The building has been repainted, lightening the building, the verandahs and the undercover spaces.

Internally the building is of a domestic scale and finish to provide suitably scaled spaces for children. The building was efficiently planned to accommodate a tight budget, the required amenities and a residence, and forms a practical and energy efficient reuse for an existing building within an older suburban environment.

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