

Best Small Hospitality Project

40 Renshaw Street by SDA Architecture

Renshaw Street has struggled to find an identity since the relocation of Rapid Hardware and the subsequent dereliction of those buildings that run almost half the length of its western side. 40 Renshaw Street is a fine example of owners taking pride in their asset and the area in which it sits. Containing a very hardworking set of functions over multiple levels – namely apartments, coffee shop and speakeasy bar – the planning is so careful that nothing is left over and the use of every possible space is maximised. The internal fit out of the separate elements is exemplary, creating a considered mood and ambiance carefully curated through design. The project sets a standard for what other buildings on the street might hope to achieve and, as a flagship for refurbishment, could act as a catalyst for wider regeneration.