JONES BAY WHARF
Finger Wharf at Pyrmont, NSW

CLIENT
Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

DURATION
1998 - 2000

DESCRIPTION

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Jones Bay Wharf, berths 19-21, known also as Jones Bay Finger Wharf, is of exceptional regional cultural significance as a port structure, whose size and classical modular design make it a landmark for Pyrmont and Sydney Harbour. Since its completion in 1919, this wharf has played an important role in significant historical events and the development of Australia’s international trade relations and retains physical evidence of these various uses.

Design 5 - Architects was engaged in 1997 to prepare a Conservation Plan for the finger wharf and concurrently in association with Vivian Fraser Architects, developed a Conservation and Redevelopment proposal for its adaptive re-use. The proposal was then sold as an approved development and carried out by architects, PTW and Bates Smart working with Otto Cserhalmi and Partners as heritage consultants. Overseeing this process, Design 5 - Architects was engaged by the client, SHFA to act as their own consultant to monitor the development to ensure the aims and objectives of the project were achieved.

The aim of the project, clearly articulated in and guided by the Design 5 Conservation Plan was to retain and respect the industrial character of the wharf including as much evidence as possible of its former use and configuration. The wharf now houses commercial tenancies, two cafes and two restaurants and includes the design and construction of a new ‘shore shed’ building to replace a previously demolished structure.

This project was guided throughout by the Conservation Plan prepared by Design 5 - Architects.