

# ST JAMES' CHURCH SPIRE

Anglican Church at King Street, Sydney

## CLIENT

The Trustees of St James' Church, Sydney

## DURATION

2008 - 2010

## DESCRIPTION

### CONSERVATION WITH NEW WORKS

St James' Church, King Street, was designed by Francis Greenway and built with convict labour between 1819 and 1824. It is the oldest church building in the City of Sydney, and has been in continuous use since its consecration in 1824. The spire was the tallest structure in Sydney until the construction of the Town Hall tower and was a significant landmark within the city as a symbol of the Anglican Church, and a shipping navigation mark.

In 2006 investigations revealed that the tower and spire needed repair. The works program between 2008 and 2010 included repairs to interior framing timbers of the spire and repairs to tower masonry and joinery. The 1894 spire cladding was replaced with new copper and the 1820s cross and orb repaired.

The project aim was to conserve for posterity a significant Sydney landmark and an important symbol of the Church. It sought to promote and show the traditional craft skills employed and to integrate modern and traditional technology and materials within this historic building.

The project is a demonstration of a successful collaboration between client, architect, engineer, builder and craftsman and is testament to the dedication and high level of skill of those involved.

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