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At last month's [Royal Australian Institute of Architects](#) (RAIA) State Awards, Bickerton Masters Architecture received the Award for Conservation, for their adaptive reuse of the old Fortitude Valley Boys School building at 99 Brookes Street into the architectural firm's new offices.



This award showed significant recognition of the effort put into the project and the sensitivity required to weave a new use into the old building fabric.

Bickerton Masters Architecture was originally established by Peter Bickerton and Andrew Masters to provide architectural services to community organisation in the Health, Aged Care and Education sectors. Over the years, the organisation has become a major contributor in these sectors throughout Queensland.

BMA's expertise in community projects has grown as the organisation has undertaken a wide range of work and as very skilled and committed people have joined their staff. In addition to their work at the Holy Spirit Home since 1999, the BMA team has been involved with the new Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane, Lourdes Home for the Aged in Toowoomba, Nazarene Nursing Home in Rothwell and Moreton Bay Girls (and the new Boys) College at Wynnum. These are a few of the diverse portfolio that the organisation has been privileged to be entrusted with by community organisations.



BMA wholeheartedly subscribes to the philosophy of making working and living environments interesting and enjoyable spaces for people to interact in. The primary goal in the design of 99 Brookes Street was to create a viable and stimulating contemporary office space that not only maintained the integrity of the existing heritage listed building, but acknowledged some of the modifications that were significant in the building's 127 year history.

Earlier in the year, BMA also received a Commendation for their refurbishment of the building at the RAIA 2004 Regional Awards.



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