

**SALE STREET – TWO WORLDS COLLIDE.****FEBRUARY 2016**

**Take a derelict building on Cook Street, connect it to an adjacent building on Sale Street, and in the process create a single office block with two levels of car parking.**

Sounds simple enough. However, the reality wasn't quite so straightforward.

For starters, the Cook Street building was over 30 years old, necessitating a complete external and internal strip-out. This revealed structural and asbestos issues, which had to be addressed promptly in order to keep with our already tight 6-month deadline - Dentsu Aegis were taking occupancy the day after completion.

The build required that we demolish the existing cores of both buildings, then break through and bridge them. This would result in a two floor commercial office space above a ground floor café and office area.

The \$4.5 million rebuild and refurbishment brought new life to two tired, central city buildings, by uniting them under a very appealing façade. An impressively large curtain wall neatly complements both the perforated and solid shaded cladding at the building's edge. A striking 3D tiled feature wall in the lobby, coupled with the bright café interior, which cleverly toys with the effects of artificial light against timber detailing and joinery on the ground floor, really captures the attention of passers-by.

Old meeting new mightn't have proven easy, but the result was definitely worth the effort.

**KEY POINTS****Done and dusted** - 30 years neglect put right in just 6 months.**Combined effort** - Two out of date buildings combined into one, new and exciting structure.**Inside out** - Striking 3D wall structures, bright café interior, modern functional lighting add to the over all look and feel of the new environment.**A Great team** - Lanta together with Stack Interiors & Brown Day Group Architects, a real team effort