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Chalmers transformation wins major award

A project to redevelop Launceston's historic Chalmers Church has been recognised through a prestigious heritage award.

Works to transform the 150 year old iconic building into a creative space for leading design company Walker Designs, has won the Building Over \$200,000 category at the Launceston Heritage Awards.

The awards were established by the City of Launceston in 2008 to recognise people for sensitively restoring their heritage homes or business premises.

Judges described the Chalmers project as a 'visually striking contemporary redevelopment' that enhanced viewers' appreciation of the original structure and its history.

Graeme and Jodie Walker purchased Chalmers in 2011 and were determined to refurbish the building in a way that stayed true to its original character and charm.

Mr Walker said it was an honour to receive the award.



“It was a challenge to introduce a contemporary feel to Chalmers while also doing justice to its important heritage.

“We received fantastic support from the public and the business is thriving in its new home.”

Some of the new features of Chalmers include a prominent staircase which spans two levels and features an intricate gothic-inspired pattern, laser cut into metal sheet.

An eight-ball table custom made from recycled floor bearers and floor joists is also a standout piece. The table is overlaid with orange felt printed with an effigy of the church.

“Jodie and I have created a unique place that allows growth for Walker Designs while delivering an inspirational space for clients and our team,” Mr Walker said.

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