

**THE ABBEY, JOHNSTON STREET, ANNANDALE**  
**CONSERVATION WORKS - MAIN HOUSE, STABLES AND**  
**KITCHEN WING**

**A guided tour by the conservation architect.**

**Thursday 19 November 2015**

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The Abbey, 272 Johnston Street, Annandale was built by John Young c1882. Its elevated corner position, scale and distinctive Victorian Free Gothic style make it a memorable landmark structure.

The property includes the main house with tower and chapel with many original finishes and fittings, a central wing constructed around an earlier residence, and the stables originally with coach house and upper storey ballroom. A decorative stair and verandahs connects the whole assembly.

The property, altered and neglected over time, was in an advanced state of disrepair when purchased by the present owners in 2009. A program of staged conservation works was undertaken in 2010 – 2014, and included, restoration, adaptation and refurbishment of the main house (stage 1), stables (stage 2), kitchen wing (stage 3) and landscape.

The project has unified and enlivened the house and demonstrates an exceptional commitment on the part of the owners and great dedication and skill on the part of all involved in the project.

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Letizia Coppo will take the tour. Letizia is a senior associate at Design 5 – Architects Pty Ltd. She has over twenty five years experience in the conservation and adaptive reuse of a broad range of significant heritage buildings and their settings. These include industrial, commercial, institutional and residential buildings. She has also provided conservation management and strategic planning advice for many culturally significant places.

Through her work she has explored ways of merging contemporary design and modern technologies with traditional building techniques and conventions. She was a recipient of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) Cathy Donnelly Memorial Award for outstanding female heritage professional, 2013. Design 5 Architects have won the AIA Greenway Award for two of her recent projects. Her work seeks to celebrate the craft tradition and its application to all aspects of architecture.

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**Meet at 5.15 pm outside 272 Johnston Street, Annandale**

**Cost:** Members \$10 .

**RSVP:** By Monday **16 November 2015** to [Kate Higgins](#)

**Places limited.**