

East Melbourne Synagogue

The East Melbourne Synagogue stands at 488 Albert Street in East Melbourne, on the edge of the CBD grid where Albert Street runs between the Fitzroy Gardens and the Parliament precinct. The congregation bought the land in 1873 and consecrated the synagogue in 1877, and the building has been in continuous use since. The project is a restoration and upgrade of the synagogue and its ancillary spaces, completed in 2022 at $4 million, with Denter Corker as architect. The works address the heritage fabric of the 1877 building and the services and amenity the congregation needs today. The governing constraint is the heritage building itself. A consecrated 1877 synagogue has to remain available for worship through the works, its interior and facade are protected, and any new services, access or fire upgrade has to be threaded through the existing structure without altering the room the congregation worships in. Baracon's role on the project runs through the development. The project was valued at $4 million and completed in 2022, and the project file sits within Baracon's current project management system as a community and heritage project. It sits with Baracon's religious and community work at the Narre Warren Church and the Werribee Stake Centre, and it is the oldest building in the portfolio.

PROJECT LOCATION
488 Albert Street, East Melbourne

PROJECT YEAR
2022