



Tower will have its art in the right place

HERITAGE Victoria-noted artwork on the ground level of a nondescript low-rise office building at 108 Flinders Street will be moved and reinstalled on the ground level of the city's next landmark apartment building.

Fender Katsalidis Architects, a boutique collaboration headed by architects Karl Fender and Nonda Katsalidis, has proposed a new tower for the site, which would offer views of Birrarung Marr, Federation Square and the Flinders Street rail yards — another city site earmarked for redevelopment.

Rising 12 levels and due to be finished in 2012, the development will include 189 apartments, starting at \$345,000 for a one-bedroom unit and \$535,000 for a two-bedroom flat. The proposal will see a new restaurant built at the end of AC/DC Lane, which borders part of the site.



“No. 108 Flinders commands such a prominent position that it demanded a strong, distinctive design,” says Karl Fender of Fender Katsalidis Architects. “As a result, we chose a vivid palette, creating a dynamic composition of glass, concrete and steel.”

The site is owned by Riverlea, which is headed by local investor Clement Lee. Knight Frank agent Tom Omerod is marketing the apartments.

Elsewhere in Victoria, Riverlea plans to build a residential village in Geelong on the former site of the Adelaide Brighton Geelong Cement Plant. Riverlea also controls 183 hectares of land earmarked for housing at Oaklands Junction near Melbourne Airport.