



hi-pod, tower turnaround prototype

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location gordon street footscray melbourne australia

status prototype facade installed 2011

client department of human services, office of housing

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This project deals with the regeneration of an existing social housing tower block in Footscray and has been conceived as a kit of parts which can be easily adapted to other high-rise towers. The design strategy upgrades the tower's identity, whilst greatly improving resident amenity and energy performance. The site design strategy provides better definition between public, semi-public and private spaces, introducing major changes to both the landscape setting and the tower appearance. The result reinvigorates

the tower's presence in the neighbourhood and fosters a greater sense of community.

"the inventiveness of this idea, executed with skill and dedication, forms an exemplar of what 'small' architecture can achieve." RAlA Small Project Architecture jury 2012

