

Law firm has new home on Ulong Street

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GRIFFITH'S Hunt & Hunt law firm is set for a new look, with plans to relocate to the refurbished former Area News building on Ulong Street.

Extensive renovations to the former masthead's interior are nearing completion, with the Hunt & Hunt team hoping to move from the Cappello Rowe offices in Yambil Street soon.

While the interior of the building has transformed, the outside structure and brick work will remain as

a compliment to the heritage of the site and nearby buildings.

Hunt & Hunt partner, Sarah Cappello, says her team is excited to be re-purposing the iconic Griffith structure.

"It has a lot of character and a lot of history. It feels nice to be in this part of the CBD, with the courthouse and the main street nearby," Ms Cappello said.

"Our Hunt & Hunt teams love coming to Griffith and our new location will afford the space to have numerous staff on the ground."

The building's owners,

Pat Sergi and Ms Cappello's father, Robert Cappello, are equally delighted.

"Our original ideas for the building were coming together six years ago but the pandemic halted progress. It's excellent to see things are coming to fruition and it will be a great new home for the firm," Mr Cappello said.

The renovation process saw a number of intriguing artefacts uncovered.

"We found a newspaper inside one of the walls dating back to 1928, wrapped in plastic," Mr Cappello said.

"We also found some teeth

given the building was also a dentist at one time.

"In addition, plenty of old photos were uncovered, as well as microfilms and old printing plates."

The fit-out comprises of a spacious administration and reception area, with original brick walls to display local Indigenous art and historic photos of the Area News in its heyday.

Upstairs, two apartment buildings are planned to be rented out and local indigenous artists are being sought to supply works to decorate the reception area.



Hunt & Hunt partner, Sarah Cappello with owners Pat Sergi and Robert Cappello at the entrance of the law firm's new home. Picture by Allan Wilson