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A narrow lot in Blenheim's CBD has become a vibrant coffee roastery and cafe thanks to simple yet effective interventions by the architects who, despite a limited budget, made all the right moves. The existing building required significant seismic upgrades along with modifications and replanning to address its limited natural light and amenity. A new internal courtyard provides a lightwell that draws the sun and air into the heart of the building and creates a sheltered dining area where exposed concrete walls and new seismic steelwork provide a raw and honest aesthetic. Most significantly, by removing the original facade and setting the new glazing line back from the street edge, the architects have allowed light to penetrate deep into the building, and created a generous covered front terrace - an important urban gesture that creates a new public gathering space and a lively interface with the street.

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