

HISTORY

The Signal Box is part of the Newcastle Railway Station precinct with state-level heritage significance. The site showcases the layout and development of the nineteenth century Victorian railway precinct based on the design approach of British engineers, John Whitton and Matthew Mason. Constructed in 1936, the Newcastle Signal Box internal equipment prevails highly intact and retains the ability to demonstrate the remarkable technical innovations introduced at the time of its design.

Newcastle Signal Box is unique as it is the only Type O signal box provided with an electro-pneumatic miniature lever power interlocking machine, as well as one of the few remaining operational signal boxes to feature its original signalling frame. It was the last remaining electro-pneumatically operating system in Australia.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

The Newcastle Signal Box was de-commissioned on Boxing Day 2014 and it has taken five years and a lot of hard work by many, for the Signal Box to start the next chapter of its life. With the same sentiment of serving the community, Newcastle Signal Box has been repurposed to offer honest food in a thoughtful space built to bring people together.

As a nod to the site's industrial past, the heritage building now features a dining pavilion made nearly entirely of steel and concrete, a beautiful steel spiral stair to access the rooftop and experience a unique view of the latest version of Newcastle city, and a mezzanine area to view the historic signalling and lever gear.

Partners Andrew, Dan, George and Matt saw an amazing opportunity in the Signal Box to create a unique, fun and vibrant dining experience for Newcastle. The food at Signal Box is familiar and simple, yet clever and done well. The guys take pride in doing things properly with just about everything leaving the kitchen made in-house and from scratch. From sauces, stocks and pickles through to fresh juices, chai and sodas, the team pride themselves on doing it the hard way – something they believe is well worth the effort.

We hope you enjoy spending time at Signal Box.