

The Newcastle Signal Box

Newcastle, NSW

Client: The Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation

Budget: Approx \$400,000

Role: Principal Design Consultant

Type: Adaptive Re-use

Completed: 2018

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The Newcastle Signal Box stands as a beacon within the expanse of Newcastle's Market Street Lawn entertainment precinct, a meeting point on the main pedestrian axis between the harbour and CBD. Conservation and restoration of the 1936 Signal Box has allowed an historic piece of the city's former railway infrastructure to be given a new lease of life with adaptive re-use, and the rare electro-pneumatic miniature switch gear machinery within to be displayed and interpreted by the public for the first time in the site's history.

A culturally significant building, the Signal Box project transcribes the former heavy rail corridor's transition from railway industrial to public urban recreation, and ensures that this significance is protected for years to come.

