



Hunter and Central Coast
Development Corporation

The Station

The Station is a cornerstone project for Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC). Part of NSW Government's \$650+ million revitalisation of the Newcastle CBD, HCCDC's significant restoration of the heritage buildings and platforms has paved the way for temporary activation while long-term use is being planned.

A Revitalised Station

The temporary activation of the site kicked off in late 2018, with a free community event attracting thousands of local people. Since then, the restored ground floor buildings, former platforms and infilled tracks have become home to a curated selection of retail tenants and an exciting calendar of events. We've also completed significant landscaping works to create a huge community piazza for picnic'ing, play and pop-up activation.

With a focus on creating vibrant activity in the precinct, we're delivering an attractive offering for businesses and event managers, with low hire fees and existing infrastructure such as tables and chairs, lighting, speakers, picket fencing and a cinema screen. This helps to attract a diverse range of events to The Station, while plans are underway to finalise the site's long-term use as a vibrant community space.

The Station has been recognised with prestigious accolades including the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) 'Great Place' winner for NSW.



The revitalised Station is enjoying a new and exciting lease of life.



We've transformed the former city bus depot into a new community piazza with superior landscaping and green space connecting with Market Street Lawn.



The new area contains raised planting beds, bluestone and granite paving, seating, and lighting as well as interpretive art elements that pay tribute to the site's Aboriginal and European heritage.



The piazza also features a new play space that's all about engaging with nature on a large and fun scale in the newly created Piazza area. A huge snake and frog, sensory flowers, balancing obstacles, scooter track, hopscotch and handball courts make up this playful community space!



The new-look Station is becoming a true destination for the community with a calendar of pop-up events including market days, family events, live music and festivals.



What's on

The Station hosts a diverse program of activation, attractions and events, including:

- A cafe, creative retail spaces, gallery and workshop spaces
- Family focused events with live music, food trucks and drinks
- Group fitness classes, including Pilates and 80s-style Aerobics
- Markets and festivals, such as Homegrown, Vegan and French markets; Street Paws, Grapes of Mirth and Chilli festivals
- A kids' scooter track and pop-up play area
- An interactive art installation representing the famous 'Flyer' express train

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