

An historic boiler house

nestled beneath the iconic North Geelong smokestack within Federal Mills, 1915 is a venue that stands apart from anything else in the region.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Geelong and Region Branch
National Trust (Vic)

Tuesday 26 August 2025
2:00-4:00pm

Switch Room, 1915 Restaurant
33 Mackey Street, North Geelong

Beneath the historic North Geelong smokestack, there is a red-brick boiler house at the heart of the re-invented Federal Mills precinct.

The Federal Woollen Mills was opened with great fanfare in 1915. The biggest industrial operation in Geelong at the time, the mills produced everything from military uniforms to Qantas fabrics and fashions of the day. At its peak, the mills employed over 950 workers.

Steeped in local history, new life has been given to a century-old boiler house that once powered the entire Mills. As you step inside the Switch Room, the heart of the operations, you'll feel the pulse of the past merging with the vibrant energy of the present to create a fascinating backdrop for our Annual General Meeting.

The space has been renovated with modern amenities alongside the original exposed brick, industrial features and an impressively high vaulted ceiling.

Cam Hamilton, Managing Director of the Federal Mills complex will give an introductory talk about his company's development of the site.

A bar is available for purchase of refreshments.