

FASCINATING FIND

ROTAFRIG

This "Rotafrig" refrigerator was the original fridge used in the ambulance station which opened in Nash Street in 1959. Rotafrigs were manufactured in Sydney during the 1940s and 50s, and they cost about 125 pounds.

It measures about 1500 by 600 mm. The entire contents could be easily rotated on the wire shelves, so there was no excuse for anything getting lost in the back of the fridge. A quadrant of each shelf was removable to facilitate the storage of taller articles. The evaporator (freezer compartment) could hold a few trays for making ice cubes, or for storing ice cream.

The fridge remained in use at the ambulance station until about 1980 when it was donated to the museum.



The Rotafrig is on display alongside some other old fridges in the Dairy display.