

2026

# AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

BATHURST & VILLAGES

12 MARCH - 10 MAY



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# LIST OF EVENTS

## MARCH

- Abercrombie House Guided Night Tour
- Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Tour
- Recital: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon
- Bathurst Sports and Racing History
- Perthville Show and Share History Night
- Monthly History Talk – Bathurst Railway Station: A 150 Year Heritage Celebration
- Recital: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon
- A Walk Through Miss Traill's Neighbourhood
- Guided Tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre
- Machattie Park Walking Tour

## APRIL

- Abercrombie House Easter Sunday Heritage High Tea
- Dinosaurs!
- Kids' Night Tour of Abercrombie House
- Dinosaurs!
- Painting Heritage Buildings - **CANCELLED**
- Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Tour
- Recital: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon
- Painting Heritage Buildings – In-Practice - **CANCELLED**
- Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail™
- Food Preservation Demonstration & Afternoon Tea
- Abercrombie House Heritage High Tea
- Dinosaurs!
- Monthly History Talk – Rail to Bathurst, And Beyond
- Walking Tour Around the Historic Village of Rockley
- Guided Tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre
- Cemetery Wander
- The Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson

## MAY

- Walking Tour Around The Historic Village Of Rockley
- Bathurst Motoring Heritage
- Heritage Week
- Museums of History NSW Collections on Tour – Making Home: A Short History of Houses, Interiors and Gardens In NSW
- Bathurst War Memorial Carillon Tour
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- Fashioning The Past: Memories of California Fashions
- Cemetery Wander
- Abercrombie House Mother's Day Heritage High Tea

## Mayor's Welcome

Autumn transforms the Bathurst Region into something truly magical. As the leaves shift to brilliant reds and golds, both locals and visitors are treated to a season filled with colour, atmosphere, and unforgettable experiences. It's the perfect time to savour everything our region does best: food, history, culture, and the great outdoors.

This season also marks our annual celebration of Bathurst's remarkable heritage. Through the Autumn Colours Heritage Festival, stories of our past are brought vividly to life with tours, talks, and hands-on activities. These events offer rare behind-the-scenes access, shining a light on the people, places, and moments that have shaped Bathurst over the centuries.

From the city to the surrounding villages, Bathurst holds an important place in Australia's story. The festival's heritage program invites us to reconnect with this legacy through a wide variety of experiences, discovering our motoring history, exploring St Joseph's Convent & Heritage Centre at Perthville, taking a guided walk through Rockley, or stepping inside the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon for a special behind-the-scenes tour.

A highlight once again is the award-winning Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail™ on 11–12 April, an impressive showcase of traditional skills and craftsmanship at the historic Bathurst Showground.

I warmly encourage everyone to embrace the beauty and spirit of autumn and make the most of the events, stories, scenery, and local delights that make the Bathurst Region so unique.



**Robert Taylor**  
**MAYOR OF BATHURST**



## **ABERCROMBIE HOUSE GUIDED NIGHT TOUR**

Date: Thursday 12 March  
Time: 7pm - 8pm  
Cost: \$25 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 800 68 1000

This is a special limited-edition evening guided tour of Abercrombie House. Explore the magnificent heritage along with newly restored, rarely seen and private areas of the house with owner, Christopher Morgan.

## **BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON TOUR**

Date: Saturday 14 March  
Time: 11.15am  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at the front of Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, Russell Street  
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## **RECITAL: BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON**

Date: Saturday 14 March  
Time: 1pm  
Cost: Free  
Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, Kings Parade, Russell Street

Today will see the launch of the Autumn Colours Carillon recitals, performed on the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon. The recital program will embrace the theme of Seniors Week 'Live Life in Colour'. Very appropriate for Autumn in Bathurst. Please join us in beautiful Kings Parade at 1pm for a free recital on our unique Singing Tower.

## **BATHURST SPORTS AND RACING HISTORY**

Date: Wednesday 18 March  
Time: 7pm - 8pm  
Cost: Free  
Location: Triathlon Club House, 8 Stanley Street  
Bookings: Not required

As the Bathurst Wallabies Triathlon Club enters its 20th season, this talk looks back to the 1800s to explore Bathurst's early racing history and how it shaped the development of multi-sport events in the region. From historic courses to the birth of triathlons and duathlons in Bathurst, the presentation will also highlight notable local sporting heroes who helped define this rich sporting legacy.

## PERTHVILLE SHOW & SHARE HISTORY NIGHT

Date: Thursday 19 March  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: Gold coin donation - payable on the night  
Location: Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Street, Perthville  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

A former Perthvillian's book launch; sharing his life and family's connection with the village and the Vale. Sessions where items linked to Perthville are shown and their history shared and your questions on the history of the village can be answered. Supper provided. Donations will be put towards a future war memorial for Perthville village.

## MONTHLY HISTORY TALK – BATHURST RAILWAY STATION: A 150 YEAR HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Date: Thursday 19 March  
Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Cost: \$2 - payable on the night  
Location: The Greens on William, 29 William Street  
Bookings: Not required

Ali Wright from the Bathurst Rail Museum will be delivering a special presentation celebrating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Bathurst Railway Station. This milestone marks a significant moment in Bathurst's history, commemorating both the arrival of the Main Western Line to the city and the establishment of the iconic station that has served the community for generations. To honour this major occasion, a series of events will be held across key locations in partnership with local community groups and government departments.

These celebrations will highlight the rich social history of the railway and its enduring importance to the people of Bathurst, with activities taking place from April through to the June long weekend. Everyone with an interest in the region's heritage is warmly encouraged to take part.

## RECITAL: BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON

Date: Saturday 21 March  
Time: 1pm  
Cost: Free  
Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, Kings Parade, Russell Street

An Autumn Colours Carillon recital, performed by a local Bathurst Carillanist on the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon. Please join us in beautiful Kings Parade at 1pm for a free recital on our unique Singing Tower.



NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP: ROUND 2

PENRITH PANTHERS v CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

SATURDAY 14 MARCH  
7:30PM | CARRINGTON PARK

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

## **A WALK THROUGH MISS TRAILL'S NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Date: Wednesday 25 March  
Time: 9.30am - 12pm  
Cost: \$20 for members of Miss Traill's House or the Bathurst District Historical Society; Non Members \$25  
Location: Miss Traill's House, 321 Russell Street  
Bookings: Bathurst District Historical Society, 6332 2522 (Wed-Sat 11 am - 2pm)

The volunteers at Miss Traill's House, together with the Bathurst District Historical Society, will host a guided walk around the block bordered by Peel, Howick, Stewart and Russell Streets. Join us to discover stories of Miss Traill's neighbours and the houses they called home. The walk will take about an hour so please wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring a hat and sunscreen. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious morning tea served in the grounds of Miss Traill's House and its heritage garden.

## **GUIDED TOUR OF PERTHVILLE CONVENT HERITAGE CENTRE**

Date: Thursday 26 March  
Time: 10am - 12pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Perthville Convent Heritage Centre,  
Tenison Woods Avenue, Perthville  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000



Enjoy a visit to Perthville Convent Heritage Centre, site of the first Convent of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW. Begin with morning tea in the Sisters' dining room, followed by a guided tour of the Centre. View the historic buildings and learn of the Sisters' story. The beautiful surrounds, the peaceful chapel and the Sisters' cemetery are included in the tour.

The Ministry room also forms part of the tour. This includes information about the various works of the Sisters and samples of their exquisite handiwork. An app of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre is available to download to enhance the enjoyment of your visit.

Interestingly, both Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, who founded this uniquely Australian religious congregation in Penola, South Australia in 1866, each visited this Perthville site.

## **MACHATTIE PARK WALKING TOUR**

Date: Sunday 29 March  
Time: 10am - 12pm  
Cost: \$10 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at the corner of Russell and George Streets  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Explore beautiful Machattie Park and discover how the site was transformed from town gaol to the much-loved tranquil haven it is today. Dispel popularly held myths and hear the stories behind the structures, ornaments, magnificent trees and the many memorials to pioneers of the Bathurst district.

## **ABERCROMBIE HOUSE EASTER SUNDAY HERITAGE HIGH TEA**

Date: Sunday 5 April  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$70; Concession \$65; Child 14 yrs & under \$55  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This popular High Tea includes scrumptious savoury and sweet treats. Enjoy a variety of leaf teas, plunger coffee, and elegant live classical Celtic harp music. Main rooms and gardens are open to explore. This is an outstanding afternoon of elegance and style taking you back to an older and more refined age.

## **DINOSAURS!**

Date: Tuesday 7 April  
Time: 2pm - 3pm  
Cost: Free with museum admission  
Location: Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum, 224 Howick Street  
Bookings: Not required

An interactive introduction to paleontology with a focus on dinosaurs.

## **KIDS' NIGHT TOUR OF ABERCROMBIE HOUSE**

Date: Wednesday 8 April  
Time: 6.30pm - 7.45pm  
Cost: \$25 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre 1800 68 1000

Enjoy a tour of the historic house and explore the gardens. Bring a torch or borrow one. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Chocolate milk and cookies on the verandah at the conclusion. For children aged from 7 yrs (with adult).

## **DINOSAURS!**

Date: Thursday 9 April  
Time: 2pm - 3pm  
Cost: Free with museum admission  
Location: Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum, 224 Howick Street  
Bookings: Not required

An interactive introduction to paleontology with a focus on dinosaurs.

## **PAINTING HERITAGE BUILDINGS**

Date: Friday 10 April  
Time: 2pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: Free - RSVP essential  
Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre 1800 68 1000

Learn the art of painting heritage buildings at this free seminar delivered by Krissie Kalteis, a certified master of traditional painting. Perfect for experienced tradespeople and apprentices looking to skill up, and owners of heritage buildings alike. Seats are limited.

**CANCELLED**

## BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON TOUR

Date: Saturday 11 April  
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Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 800 68 1000

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## RECITAL: BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON

Date: Saturday 11 April  
Time: 1pm  
Cost: Free  
Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, Kings Parade, Russell Street

A special Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail™ and Autumn Colours Heritage Festival carillon recital, performed on the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon. The art of playing carillon dates back to the mid 1600's, and it is wonderful that a carillon training program exists in Bathurst – the only one of its kind in Australia - for the new generation of musicians to learn to play this amazing instrument. Please join us in beautiful Kings Parade at 1pm for a free recital on our unique Singing Tower.

## PAINTING HERITAGE BUILDINGS - IN PRACTICE

Date: Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Cost: Free - no bookings required  
Location: Old Government Cottage, 16 Stanley Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 800 68 1000

Following the seminar, Krissie Kalteis will be demonstrating paint removal and application techniques at the state-listed heritage building, Old Government Cottage. Drop in between 10am - 4pm to see the master at work.



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## BATHURST HERITAGE TRADES TRAIL™

Date: Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Cost: **Early bird prices until Friday 28 February:**  
Adult \$25; Concession \$20; Child \$5  
Family (2 Adults & 2+ Children) \$60  
**Tickets prices from Sunday 1 March:**  
Adult \$30; Concession \$25; Child \$5  
Family (2 Adults & 2+ Children) \$70

Available online via [bathurstregion.com.au/bathurst-heritage-trades-trail](http://bathurstregion.com.au/bathurst-heritage-trades-trail)

Location: Bathurst Showground, Great Western Highway

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Celebrating 10 years, the Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail™ will return in April 2026 at the historic Bathurst Showground, honouring the trades and traditions that have shaped the region and its rich history.

Rare and lost trades and crafts will be showcased over the weekend at Australia's oldest inland European settlement. Traditional Aboriginal tool and weapon making, blacksmithing, saddlery, dry stone walling, whip cracking and making, glass artistry, lace making, tapestry, embroidery, carpentry and joinery, coopering, knife making and violin making are among many unique talents to be demonstrated by local and guest artisans.

The Bathurst District Historical Society textile curators will present a 'Shoes, Hats and Purses' exhibition. The display will feature photographs of retail shops and women's fashion from the late 19th to early 20th century, offering a fascinating glimpse into the style and culture of the era.

## FOOD PRESERVATION DEMONSTRATION & AFTERNOON TEA

Date: Sunday 12 April  
Time: 2pm - 5pm  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Street, Perthville  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Jasmin from Greentrees Gourmet Preserves, Molong, will be demonstrating food preservation techniques. She is keen to share her expertise and meet the revival of interest in homemade preserves. Afternoon tea follows and displays of Perthville's history set up for you to view.



Check out our  
amazing  
2026 lineup!



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## **ABERCROMBIE HOUSE HERITAGE HIGH TEA**

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Date: Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 April  
Time: 2pm - 3pm  
Cost: Free with museum admission  
Location: Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum, 224 Howick Street  
Bookings: Not required

An interactive introduction to paleontology with a focus on dinosaurs.

## **MONTHLY HISTORY TALK – RAIL TO BATHURST, AND BEYOND**

Date: Thursday 16 April  
Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Cost: \$2 - payable on the night  
Location: The Greens on William, 29 William Street  
Bookings: Not required

Frank Johnson, a retired civil engineer from the NSW railway industry and active member of Engineering Heritage, presents an engaging XPT-style journey through 150 years of rail history to Bathurst. His talk explores the people, challenges and milestones behind the Main Western Railway Line, which reached Bathurst in 1876 under the leadership of John Whitton, the Father of the NSW Railways, and traces how this vital rail corridor has evolved over time.

## **WALKING TOUR AROUND THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF ROCKLEY**

Date: Saturday 18 April  
Time: 9.30am - 1pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Stevens Park, opposite the Rockley Pub, Budden Street, Rockley  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This guided tour commences with a short talk in Stevens Park, followed by a stroll around the village, including viewing the School of Arts Hall and two Edward Gell churches. The tour ends at the Rockley Mill & Stables Museum for a cuppa and a selection of hot finger foods and sweets. Here you have the opportunity to explore the Museum at leisure. Bring a hat, water and walking shoes. Bookings to be made by 5pm, Wednesday 15 April. A minimum of 8 participants are required for the tour to proceed.

## GUIDED TOUR OF PERTHVILLE CONVENT HERITAGE CENTRE



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## THE LIFE & RHYMES OF BANJO PATERSON

Date: Sunday 26 & Monday 27 April  
Time: 2pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$25; Concession and Under 16 yrs \$20 - bookings essential  
Location: Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Street, Perthville  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

125th Anniversary of Banjo Paterson's Bathurst presentation. On 26 and 27 April, 1901, Australia's most famous poet, Banjo Paterson, presented lectures on the Boer War in the Bathurst School of Arts. Well known poet Gregory North is re-enacting Banjo's tour and will present his show, *The Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson*. Greg is from the Blue Mountains and spends four months each year in Winton, Queensland where Banjo wrote "*Waltzing Matilda*". Light refreshments will be provided after the presentation.

## **WALKING TOUR AROUND THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF ROCKLEY**

Date: Saturday 2 May  
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## **BATHURST MOTORING HERITAGE**

Date: Saturday 2 May  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Free - bookings essential (if participants wish to visit the museum prior or after the talk, normal entry fee will apply)  
Location: National Motor Racing Museum, 400 Panorama Avenue  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This is an audio-visual presentation by car and bike enthusiast Geoff Fry. This presentation embraces the history of motoring in general and motor sport around the Bathurst region.

## **HERITAGE WEEK**

Date: Saturday 2 May - Sunday 10 May

Immerse yourself in the rich and often surprising stories of the Bathurst region with a varied series of activities. Heritage Week is the culmination of the Autumn Colours program, celebrating the characters, places and events that have combined to form the story of the Bathurst region. Join a heritage tour or take one of the many self-guided heritage walks around town, visit a museum or historic house

For the full program visit [www.bathurstregion.com.au/heritageweek](http://www.bathurstregion.com.au/heritageweek)

## **MUSEUMS OF HISTORY NSW COLLECTIONS ON TOUR – MAKING HOME: A SHORT HISTORY OF HOUSES, INTERIORS AND GARDENS IN NSW**

Date: Thursday 7 May  
Time: 10.30am - 12pm  
Cost: Adult \$15; Concession \$11; Chifley Home and Education Centre and Museums Bathurst members: free; MHNSW members: 20% discount - bookings essential  
Location: Chifley Home and Education Centre, 10-12 Busby Street  
Contact: 6333 6543  
Bookings: [www.museumsbathurst.com.au/chifley](http://www.museumsbathurst.com.au/chifley)

Drawing on Museums of History NSW's rich collections, experts will deliver an illustrated presentation of the history of houses, interiors and gardens in NSW, followed by a Q&A. There will also be an opportunity to view original collection material such as wallpaper, trade catalogues, tiles, architectural pattern books and historical garden sources.

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## FASHIONING THE PAST: MEMORIES OF CALIFORNIA FASHIONS

Date: Saturday 9 May  
Time: 2pm  
Cost: \$10 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Old Weighbridge Office, 369 Stewart Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 800 68 1000

A factory on the Blayney Road has been home to a variety of manufacturing businesses over the decades, including the notable clothing company California Fashions. During this tour, historians from the Bathurst District Historical Society will help uncover the site's rich history and share insights and stories from former employees of the fashion manufacturer. Visitors will also enjoy a display of garments produced by California Fashions during the 1950s and 1960s, offering a nostalgic glimpse into the company's contribution to Bathurst's industrial heritage.

## CEMETERY WANDER

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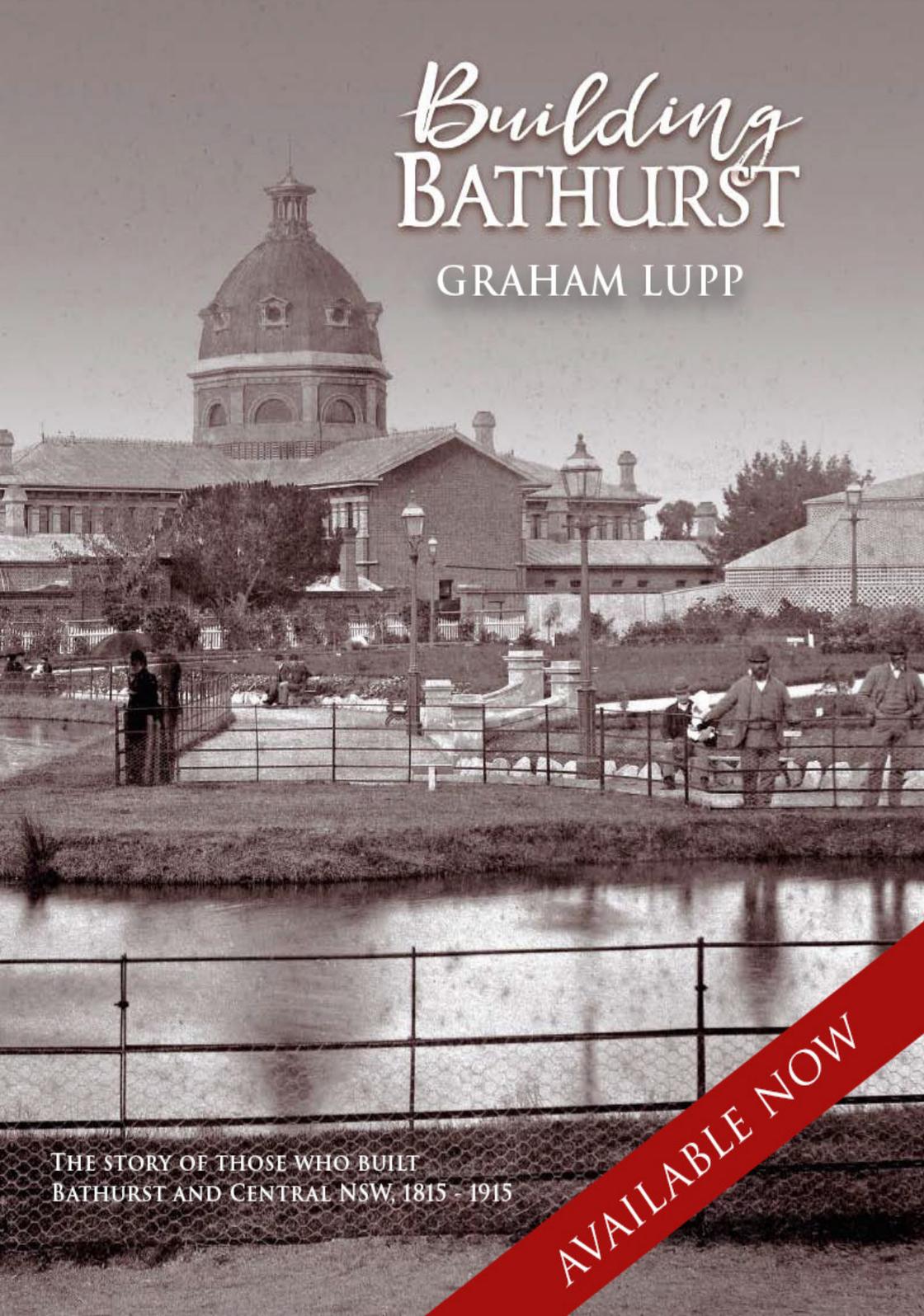
## ABERCROMBIE HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY HERITAGE HIGH TEA

Date: Sunday 10 May  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$70; Concession \$65; Child 14 yrs & under \$55  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
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## Bathurst Visitor Information Centre

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1800 68 1000

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