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Bathurst Region
MAY 2026



2026

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL BATHURST & VILLAGES 12 MARCH - 10 MAY

Book tickets online at
bathurstregion.com.au



Autumn is a magical time in the Bathurst region when residents and visitors alike enjoy the explosion of colour that accompanies the change of season, the cooler temperatures that are perfect for exploring, and the delicious local produce that the harvest brings.

The signature Autumn Colours Heritage Festival program of events celebrates the town's rich history with a series of guided tours by local experts through some of the Bathurst region's most significant historical sites, along with events that preserve the people, traditions, and stories that have shaped Bathurst into the beautiful, thriving, modern regional centre it is today. Download the program or pick up a printed copy at the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 Kendall Avenue. Book your tickets by phoning 1800 68 1000 or online at

BATHURSTREGION.COM.AU/AUTUMN-COLOURS



EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTINGS

Location: Bathurst Grange Distillery, 3249 O'Connell Rd
Time: Friday 4pm; Saturday 11am, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm; Sunday 11am - 4pm
Cost: \$20 per person
Contact: 02 7228 7913
Website: bathurstgrange.com.au

Join this tour and see surrounding gardens and farmland on our heritage property, The Grange, established in 1823. Share their passion for distilling Whisky and Gin as they explain the techniques and craft of making our premium spirits.

- Taste premium small batch spirits
- See farmland & friendly animals
- Learn the art of distillation
- Discover the history of the region

EVERY 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

BATHURST DANCES, OLD TIME AND NEW VOGUE DANCE

Location: The Walshaw Hall, Church St
Time: 2pm - 5pm
Cost: \$10 per person
Contact: 0421 871 348
Facebook: [@BathurstDances](https://www.facebook.com/BathurstDances)

Dancing the old fashioned way, with another in your arms. Waltzes, Tangos, Saunters, Jive and Swing in a sequenced way. Short demos before many dances.

EVERY MONDAY IN MAY

MUSIC BINGO

Location: Tattersalls Hotel, 35 Keppel St
Time: 6.30pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6331 9405
Facebook: <http://bit.ly/46K9fNN>

It's bingo with a musical twist! Test your knowledge and win great prizes. Fun for all ages!

EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY

LIVE & LOCAL IN THE BACKYARD

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St
Time: 5pm - 9pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6331 5777
Facebook: [facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst](https://www.facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst)

Live + Local @ The Victoria! Every Friday, local artists doing what they do best. Get another great month of live music, completely free of charge!

EVERY SATURDAY IN MAY

LIVE BANDS AT THE FAMBAM

Location: Family Hotel, Cnr Russell & Bentinck Sts
Time: From 9pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6331 1353
Facebook: facebook.com/familyhotelbathurst

Dust off your dancing shoes and get on the dance floor at The Family! Join us every Saturday night for a top-notch night of live local music! The awesome line-up of local band talent take the stage from 9pm so book your pre show dinner & drinks to save your seat! Keep an eye on their Facebook page to see who's playing.

MAY

RANKIN COTTAGE CRAFT

Location: Rankin Cottage Crafts, 117 Rankin St
Time: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm; Closed public holidays
Cost: Free entry
Contact: 0497 015 964
Facebook: facebook.com/rankincottagecrafts

As the weather cools, visit Rankin Cottage Crafts to explore a delightful range of locally made products. From seasonal jams and relishes to cosy jumpers, scarves, gloves, mittens and beanies, there's something to keep everyone warm. You'll also find a wonderful selection of handmade gifts for any occasion, along with toys and baby items.

UNTIL SUNDAY 3 MAY

BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70 - 78 Keppel St
Time: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 5pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm;
Closed Monday
Cost: Free entry
Contact: 6333 6555
Website: bathurstart.com.au

ACTS OF INHERITANCE Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) in partnership with We Are Studios presents Acts of Inheritance.

Acts of Inheritance presents new work from seventeen Disabled artists who explore identity as something lived, layered and continually remade. We come to know ourselves through small, everyday acts and performances - our own and those of others, families, cultures and communities as they leave their mark upon us.

Some artists revisit family stories or inherited acts; others reflect on Disability, mental health, and shifting perceptions of self and how we perform it. Here, inheritance is not fixed or predetermined, but enacted through the choices we make, the stories we tell and the ways we show up for one another.

Through these works, Acts of Inheritance invites us to imagine identity as something performed in ongoing dialogue between who we have been, who we are becoming and the worlds that shape us.

We Are Studios is a 100% Disability-led, artist-run initiative empowering Disabled Western Sydney artists to thrive.

Artists: Aili Brenton, Virginia Bucknell, Ria Cirera-Cruz, Taylah Devlin, Holly-lee Dickson,

Georgina Evans, Nina Frankie, Leanne Larwood, Timothy W. Martin, Grazia Napoletano, Adrienne Proud, Rebecca Sciroli, Kiri Smith, Jane Thatcher, Miah Tito-Barratt, Jordan Valageorgiou, Eden Young. Curated by We Are Studios Collective.

The project is supported by the New South Wales Government through Create NSW and by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

PATTERN RECOGNITION - Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) presents Pattern Recognition by Liz Bryan in the Foyer Gallery.

Liz Bryan is a visual artist and designer working across drawing, painting, textiles, sculpture and digital media. Her practice is shaped by an ongoing interest in esoteric knowledge, mythologies and ritual, and engages with themes of womanhood, place, and the hidden or overlooked histories of feminine experience. Moving fluidly between art and craft, Liz's work also reflects on the intersections of science, mysticism and material knowledge.

For Pattern Recognition at BRAG, Liz presents a body of work that explores the microcosmic world and the underlying geometry inherent in biological structures. Informed by sacred geometry and esoteric traditions outlined in Plato's Timaeus, the exhibition draws on the symbolism of the five Platonic solids—earth, water, air, fire and ether—as metaphors for both physical and metaphysical systems. The relationship between microcosm and macrocosm, particularly as seen in DNA structures and natural patterning, underpins the work.

Through this work Liz explores the esoteric potential of shape, line, colour and form. Historic textile motifs, including ogee forms and repeating half-brick patterns, further inform the visual language of the exhibition. Through sculptures and paintings, Pattern Recognition reveals pattern as a connective force—linking matter, meaning and the unseen structures that shape our world.

FRIDAY 1 - SUNDAY 3 MAY

THE KELSO ELECTRICAL ROYAL BATHURST SHOW

Location: Bathurst Showground
Time: Friday 10am - 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am - 3pm
Cost: See website for details
Contact: 6331 3175
Website: bathurstshow.com.au

The Royal Bathurst Show is a country show like no other. As the only other "Royal" show in New South Wales, and proudly known as the "Best in the West," it has been celebrating excellence in agriculture and industry while providing fun, family-focused entertainment for over 160 years. The Bathurst Agricultural, Horticultural & Pastoral Association Inc. has been conducting the show at Bathurst Showground since 1879, and across the wider region since 1858. 2025 marks the 166th year of the event, the 156th Agricultural Show, and the 31st Royal Bathurst Show. Thanks to the ongoing support of sponsors, supporters, competitors, and patrons, this annual showcase of regional excellence continues to thrive. Visitors are warmly invited to experience the tradition, excitement, and community spirit of the Royal Bathurst Show.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

EXHIBITION TOURS // ACTS OF INHERITANCE & PATTERN RECOGNITION

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70 - 78 Keppel St

Time: 11 am - 12pm

Cost: Free - RSVP essential

Contact: 6333 6555

Website: bathurststart.com.au

Join BRAG for an exhibition tour of Wynne Prize 2024, touring from the Art Gallery of New South Wales. All welcome.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

WALKING TOUR AROUND THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF ROCKLEY

Location: Stevens Park, opposite the Rockley Pub, Budden Street, Rockley

Time: 1pm - 4.30pm

Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours/

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 29 April. A minimum of 8 participants are required for the tour to proceed.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

MOUNT PANORAMA RIVERSIDE MARKETS

Location: Berry Lions Park, Lions Club Drive, Kelso

Time: 8am - 1pm 1st Saturday of each month

Cost: Free

Contact: 6337 1203

Website: e-clubhouse.org/sites/mount_panorama

Come and explore the stalls under the trees beside the Macquarie-Wambool River, with a kids' playground and Lions Club BBQ offering drinks and hot food. A wide range of interesting stalls are on hand.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

BATHURST MOTORING HERITAGE

Location: National Motor Racing Museum, 400 Panorama Avenue

Time: 2.30pm

Cost: **Free** - bookings essential (if participants wish to visit the museum prior or after the talk, normal entry fee will apply)

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours/

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.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

REGURGITATOR WITH DEM MOB & MEDIA PUZZLE

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 7pm
Cost: \$60
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Regurgitator unleash a high-voltage singles retrospective, 32+ years of fizzing pop, politics and repetition, packed with hits and touring deep into 2026. Punch the coin, press play, hit repeat. Joining the show will be: DEM MOB, the world's most remote hip hop group, rapping in Pitjantjatjara and fusing culture, activism and education into a powerful live force.

SATURDAY 2 MAY

GODSPELL

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: 8pm
Cost: Member: Adult \$45; Concession \$39
Non-Member: Adult \$49; Concession \$45
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

Before Wicked, Stephen Schwartz burst onto the music theatre scene with Godspell, introducing his ability to discover new meaning in established narratives. Equal parts playful and profound, Godspell is a theatrical celebration that reminds us what truly matters, and in 2026 BMMS is staging a special charity production of the timeless hit.

SATURDAY 2 MAY - SUNDAY 10 MAY

HERITAGE WEEK

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 bathurstregion.com.au/heritageweek

SATURDAY 2 & SUNDAY 3 MAY

BATHURST ARTS TRAIL

Location: Various
Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: Free entry
Website: bathurstartstrail.com

The Bathurst Arts Trail is a collective of artists throughout the Bathurst region who open their galleries to visitors on each Art's Trail Open Weekend, which is the first weekend of each month. All artists are happy to have visitors to their galleries by appointment. Painters, potters, glass artists, sculptors and printmakers showcase their talents in town and country studios and galleries. Golden Bali flags indicate an artist nearby. Download map from the website.

SATURDAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 MAY

BATHURST PARKRUN

Location: Bicentennial Park, Cnr William and Stanley Sts
Time: Every Saturday 8am
Cost: Free – must register before you run
Website: parkrun.com.au/bathurst

Bathurst Parkrun is a free, timed 5km run or walk organised by the community for the community. It offers an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to come together regularly, enjoy the scenic Macquarie-Wambuul River, and embrace a healthy, active lifestyle.

SUNDAY 3 MAY

SUNDAY SKETCH SESSIONS @ BRAG

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70-78 Keppel St
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6333 6555
Website: bathurstart.com.au

Drop-in, explore and draw the current exhibitions. All abilities and ages. All materials supplied, no bookings required. Try your hand at drawing in the regular Sunday Sketch Session. Materials supplied, all abilities and ages, all welcome.

SUNDAY 3 MAY

BATHURST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SHOWCASE

Location: The All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst
Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Cost: \$30
Contact: 6331 6622
Website: facebook.com/mitchell.conservatorium

Join us for a sublime afternoon of music in the heart of the city. The Bathurst Chamber Orchestra invites you to a special showcase within the stunning acoustics and historic grandeur of The All Saints' Cathedral.

SUNDAY 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 MAY

ROCKLEY MILL & STABLES MUSEUM

Location: 12 Budden St, Rockley
Time: 11.30am - 3.30pm
Cost: Adult \$5; Child under 18yrs free
Contact: 0422 708 732/0432 052 265
Facebook: facebook.com/Rockleymillandstablesmuseum

The Rockley Mill and Stables Museum was built in 1862 and displays the rich history of the area, with Old Mill machinery, period clothing on display, old police records and more.

SUNDAY 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 MAY

MISS TRAILL'S HOUSE AND GARDEN

Location: Miss Traill's House, 321 Russell St
Time: 12pm - 3.30pm (tours on the hour)
Cost: \$8 - \$25
Contact: 0417 258 318
Website: nationaltrust.org.au/places/miss-trails-house

The home Ida Traill bequeathed to the National Trust (1976) is today an elegant house museum containing her significant collection of artifacts including furniture, intriguing horse racing memorabilia, paintings and ceramics – all linked to Miss Traill's and her ancestors and the early history of Bathurst. Session times coincide with house tours and are as follows: 12pm – 1pm; 1pm – 2pm & 2pm – 3pm.

As part of Heritage Week, the Bathurst Branch of the Trust, together with Miss Traill's House and Garden, will be offering free entry to the House. Don't miss out on the delicious afternoon tea!

SUNDAY 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 MAY

RECKLESS SUNDAY SESSIONS

Location: Reckless Brewing, 2A Piper St
Time: 12pm - 9pm
Cost: Free entry
Contact: 0497 913 635
Website: recklessbrewingco.com.au

You asked, and Reckless Brewing listened - more music! And more regular acts – happening *most* Sundays! Live Music from 1pm - Rag & Bone. Trivia with JROD from 6pm.

THURSDAY 7 MAY

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

Location: Chifley Home and Education Centre, 10-12 Busby Street
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
Contact: 6333 6543
Bookings: 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.

THURSDAY 7 - SATURDAY 9 MAY

BMEC LOCAL STAGES PRESENTS MURDER HORSE

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: Various
Cost: VIP tickets: Adult \$65; BMEC Member: \$55
Standard Admission: Adult: \$50; BMEC Member: \$45
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

It's Sweeney Todd meets Succession in this dark, campy musical romp, that rips the lid off our national obsession with gambling. Saddle up for a gloriously unhinged ride as we pull the tail of our rich elites, and splash around in our swampiest vice, all set to a galloping musical score. Murder Horse follows feckless rich boy Des, who, in a desperate bid to save the family gaming empire, stumbles upon a bizarre racehorse - one that actually starts winning him races. Des revels in his fortune...until he discovers the truth: this horse is killing anyone who stands in its way. VIP tables have a maximum of 4 seats and tickets include a complimentary drink.

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 MAY

BOOK SALE

Location: Bathurst Library, 70-78 Keppel St
Time: Friday 10am - 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am - 3pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6333 6281
Website: library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Come along for three days of bargains. Ex-library books, second-hand donations and DVDs up for sale at not-to-be-missed prices. These popular book sales are held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month.

FRIDAY 8 MAY

HISTORY TALK: MACHATTIE PARK

Location: Bathurst Library, 70-78 Keppel St
Time: 6pm
Cost: Free - Bookings essential
Contact: 6333 6281
Website: library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

How does a gaol in the centre of town become the 'beauty spot of the West?' Join Bathurst local Jan Page to find out in this history talk about Machattie Park.

Machattie Park in the heart of Bathurst is much-loved by locals and visitors alike who are drawn to its peaceful shade, beautiful features and gardens, and the spectacular annual begonia display. The beautiful park stands on the site of Bathurst's second gaol, and its story is a fascinating one of transformation.

Jan Page OAM is the author of 'Machattie Park Bathurst'. Books will be available for purchase on the night. A well-known local, Jan is also President of the Friends of Bathurst War Memorial Carillon and President of the Bathurst Family History Group.

FRIDAY 8 MAY

MOTHER'S DAY NIGHT MARKETS

Location: The Greens on William, 29 William St
Time: 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Cost: Free entry
Contact: 6331 3187
Website: thegreensonwilliam.com.au

Celebrate Mother's Day at our Mother's Day Night Market, an evening dedicated to spending time together and supporting local makers. Wander through a curated selection of stalls featuring handmade jewellery, fresh flowers, candles, gifts, and more, perfect for finding something meaningful for Mum. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, discover unique local creations, and turn gift-shopping into a memorable night out.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

SOCIETY PUBLIC ART RAMBLE AND PICNIC IN PEACE PARK

Location: Proclamation Cairn, Peace Park
Time: 10.15am for a 10.30am start
Cost: Free - Registration essential
Contact: 0418 228 766 or brags.inc@gmail.com
Website: www.braginc.com.au

Enjoy a leisurely stroll with Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Volunteer Guides and artists to visit and discover stories behind some of the public artworks in Peace Park and alongside the Riverwalk of Wambuul/Macquarie River.

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Society, also known as Friends of the Art Gallery, invites the community to join them on a walk next to our river to hear about the history of the artworks and their creators.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

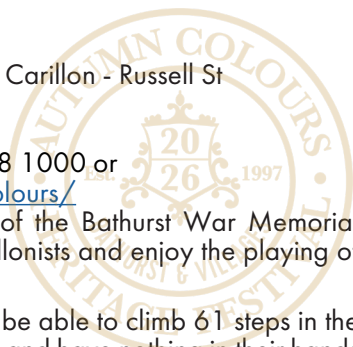
AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON TOURS

Location: Meet at the front of Bathurst War Memorial Carillon - Russell St
Time: 11.15am
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours/

This is a rare opportunity to learn the fascinating history of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon. Explore the three floors, meet one of our local carillonists and enjoy the playing of the instrument from within the clavier room.

Special requirements: tour participants must wear flat shoes, be able to climb 61 steps in the tower (20 to the landing, 21 to first floor, 20 to playing level) and have nothing in their hands to hold onto the handrails. Tour duration: 1 – 1.5 hours.



SATURDAY 9 MAY

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

STAR WARS DAY RECITAL: BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON

Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, King's Parade

Time: 1pm

Cost: Free

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



SATURDAY 9 MAY

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

GUIDED TOUR OF PERTHVILLE CONVENT HERITAGE CENTRE

Location: Perthville Convent Heritage Centre,
Tenison Woods Avenue, Perthville

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$15 per person - Bookings essential

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours



Enjoy a visit to Perthville Convent Heritage Centre, site of the first Convent of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in New South Wales. Begin with morning tea in 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.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

FASHIONING THE PAST: MEMORIES OF CALIFORNIA FASHIONS

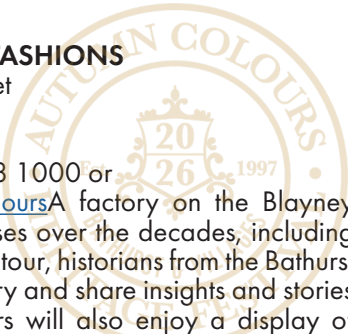
Location: Old Weighbridge Office, 369 Stewart Street

Time: 2pm

Cost: \$10 per person - bookings essential

Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours

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.



SATURDAY 9 MAY

MUMS, MIMOSAS & MASTERPIECES

Location: The Greens on William, 29 William St
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Cost: \$85 per person
Contact: 6331 3187
Website: thegreensonwilliam.com.au

Looking for the perfect way to celebrate Mum? Join us for Mums, Mimosas & Masterpieces – a special Paint & Sip event just for her. Ticket includes painting session, hot finger food & a mimosa!. Treat Mum to an afternoon of creativity, laughter, and quality time.

SATURDAY 9 MAY

LOCAL PRODUCERS' DINNER

Location: Rockley Pub
Time: 7pm
Cost: \$129 per person
Contact: 6337 9415
Website: therockleypub.com.au/local-producers-dinner

Join us for our Local Producers' Dinner, an intimate evening celebrating the best of the Central West. Enjoy a three-course shared-style menu with snack on arrival showcasing Trunkey Creek bacon & pork (Orange), Moran Family Farm (Caloola) and Malfroy's Gold Wild Honey (Blue Mountains) perfectly paired with Vale Creek wines.

This is a night to indulge in exceptional food and wine, honour local produce, and share great company.

SUNDAY 10 MAY

AUSTRALIAN HAYDN ENSEMBLE – BEETHOVENS FOURTH

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: 3pm
Cost: BMEC Member: \$49 Adult: \$56; Youth/Student: \$25
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

A special treat for Mothers Day. AHE continues its exploration of historical chamber arrangements with William Watt's arrangement of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and Cimador's adaptation of Mozart's Haffner.

SUNDAY 10 MAY

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT CEMETERY WANDER

Location: Bathurst Seniors Centre, 176 Russell St
Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1 800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours

4 April 1876 was an important day in Bathurst's story: the day when the railway arrived in town. This event changed Bathurst in many ways, including the provision of many employment opportunities. Join members of Bathurst Family History Group for a wander around a section of Bathurst General Cemetery to learn some of the railway stories behind the headstones. Enjoy a delicious morning tea supplied by the Group. Bring a hat, water and sunscreen. Please wear sturdy walking shoes.



SUNDAY 10 MAY

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

ABERCROMBIE HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY HERITAGE HIGH TEA

Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Rd
Time: 2.30pm
Cost: Adult \$70; Concession \$55 Child 14 yrs & under \$55 - bookings essential
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000 or
online at bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours

Spoil your Mother this Mother's Day with this popular High Tea which includes scrumptious savoury and sweet treats. A variety of leaf tea, 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.

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

TALKS & TEA AT BRAG

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70 - 78 Keppel St
Time: 10.30am - 12pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6333 6555
Website: bathurststart.com.au

Join Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) Volunteer Guides for a spotlight talk and walk through of exhibition Now is a Beginning, by Tina Havelock Stevens.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month, this is a social series for visitors to learn more about the current exhibitions, Bathurst's vibrant art scene, and to meet like-minded locals!

THURSDAY 14 MAY

CHEEKY LEASH 'FALLING' REGIONAL TOUR - LIVE IN LITTLE ALBERTS

Location: Little Alberts @ The Victoria Bathurst, 3 Keppel St
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Cost: \$27.78
Contact: 6331 5777
Facebook: facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst

Following the release of their new single Falling, Cheeky Leash are embarking on a regional tour, taking their dynamic live show on the road.

FRIDAY 15 MAY

IN CONVERSATION - ASHLEY KALAGIAN BLUNT

Location: Bathurst Library, 70-78 Keppel St
Time: 6pm
Cost: Free - bookings essential
Contact: 6333 6281
Website: library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Hear best selling author Ashley Kalagian Blunt in conversation about her new book Like, Follow, Die - a psychological thriller that dives into the darkest corners of the internet and the powerful bond between parents and children.

FRIDAY 15 MAY

A NIGHT OF CONNECTIONS WITH TRACEY-LEE

Location: The Greens on William, 29 William St

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: See website for details

Contact: 6331 3187

Website: thegreensonwilliam.com.au

A night of connections, revelations, and powerful messages from beyond as renowned psychic medium Tracey-Lee takes the stage! With years of experience and an incredible gift for connecting with the spirit world, Tracey-Lee will deliver heartfelt messages, uncanny insights, and uplifting connections that will leave you **amazed**.

FRIDAY 15 MAY

OPENING // BRAG EXHIBITIONS MAY-AUGUST 2026

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70 - 78 Keppel St

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Cost: Free entry

Contact: 6333 6555

Website: bathurstart.com.au

Join Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) in celebrating the opening of three new exhibitions:

- Main Gallery - [Elizabeth Day: The Fragility of Goodness: The Prison on the Landscape and Other Stories](#)
- Foyer Gallery - [Heather Dunn: Found](#)
- OUT THERE Digital Platforms | Forecourt Projector & TAFE Screens - [Made By You](#)

FRIDAY 15 MAY

THE MUSIC OF THE BEE GEES

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St

Time: 7pm - 11pm

Cost: Dinner and show \$99; Show only \$54

Contact: 6332 5492

Website: keystone1889.com

Celebrate the timeless songs of the Gibb Brothers, from British pop to disco, ballads, country, and soul. Featuring a handpicked selection of their biggest hits and songs written for other artists, this stripped-back performance highlights soaring vocals and rich harmonies by Anthony Snape and Peta Caswell, led by Michael Carpenter and a six-piece band for an unforgettable night.

FRIDAY 15 MAY

CENTRAL WEST COMEDY - JUSTIN HAMILTON & ROVE MCMANUS

Location: Reckless Brewing, 2A Piper St
Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Cost: \$60
Contact: centralwestcomedy@gmail.com
Website: recklessbrewingco.com.au

Rove McManus is one of the most recognisable faces in Australian comedy. Starting his career as a stand up, Rove went on to create one of the most successful talk shows in Australian TV history – Rove Live.

Justin Hamilton has carved out a successful career in TV, radio and on the stage as a comedian and writer. His podcast 'Big Squid' scored the number one spot on the Australian Pop Culture Podcast list. Limited capacity available, tickets are limited. Get your friends together and enjoy a great night out.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

WHO FRAMED MYRTLE MURGATROYD?

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 6.30pm - 10.30pm
Cost: Dinner and show \$65; Show only \$25
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Step back in time to the golden age of radio as Bathurst Theatre Company brings the magic of the 1930s–40s to life at Keystone 1889. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of dinner and a show, featuring two live radio plays and music from the era, performed just as audiences would have experienced it decades ago.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

CENTRAL TABLELANDS BRANCH FIELD DAY

Location: Pit Lane, Mount Panorama
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Hosted by the Central Tablelands Branch of the NSW Apiarists' Association Inc., this event will follow the Association's two-day Annual Conference, bringing together beekeepers, suppliers and industry leaders from across the state.

The Field Day provides an opportunity to extend those industry discussions into a practical, hands-on setting, while also offering a fantastic family day out in one of Australia's most iconic locations.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

BATHURST FAMILY DAY OUT

Location: Bathurst Adventure Playground, Victoria Park
Time: 11am - 2pm
Cost: Free
Contact: 6331 8944
Website: centacarecwo.org.au/Home

Looking for a fun day out with your family? Come along to the Bathurst Family Day Out, a free community event with fun for all ages. Bring the whole family and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with activities and entertainment for everyone.

SATURDAY 16 MAY- SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 70 - 78 Keppel St
Time: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 5pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm;
Closed Monday
Cost: Free entry
Contact: 6333 6555
Website: bathurstart.com.au

The Fragility of Goodness: The Prison on the Landscape and Other Stories by Elizabeth Day, curated by Ann Finegan.

Elizabeth Day's survey exhibition at BRAG examines the legacy of Empire and the colonisation of Australia and its First Nations peoples. The exhibition focuses on the lasting impact of colonial prison systems and how these institutions reshaped both landscape and society.

The project connects closely to Bathurst's history as part of a network of colonial prison towns established west of the Blue Mountains. Day has explored these themes in earlier works: in 2023, she presented *There's a Reason Beyond a Reason, 1797 Parramatta Gaol* at The National 4 at Carriageworks, Redfern. This large-scale textile installation was made from unravelled second-hand garments and referenced early colonial prison architecture. Through the slow process of unravelling fabric, the work suggested the possibility of undoing the prison's imprint on the landscape.

The Fragility of Goodness: The Prison on the Landscape and Other Stories continues this investigation. The exhibition considers how the histories of colonial prisons continue to shape contemporary Australia. Day draws connections between historical penal sites including Parramatta and Tasmania, engaging with ideas of layered colonial, geographical and social histories. Her practice is informed by both historical research and personal experience within institutional systems.

A key work in the exhibition, *The Law Is Not Always Just*, forms part of a new series of grass-grown texts mapping prisons across the Central West. This floor installation sits among several significant works including *There's a Reason Beyond a Reason*, *Notes on the Castle*, the sculptural recreation of Bathurst Gaol's Lion Gate, *Invisible Words Invisible Worlds*, and the collaborative community project MYCO LOGIC.

Together, this exhibition invites reflection on systems of justice, power and repair.

Found by Heather Dunn in the Foyer Gallery - Found is less about the act of physically collecting objects and more about observation and presence within a landscape.

A road trip in 2025 across the Nullarbor and through the outback of South Australia, during one of the region's most severe droughts in recent history, formed the basis for the imagery that inspired this body of work. Australia's vastness is central to the experience: immense skies, cathedral-like quiet punctuated by birdsong, stark light and the beauty of the gloaming.

The fragments of wire used in this exhibition were largely gathered from areas of abandoned settler infrastructure. Colonial expansion into the marginal rangelands and semi-arid regions of South Australia produced cycles of boom-and-bust exploitation of the land, leaving visible traces across the landscape.

Ruined towns, farm complexes and transport infrastructure remain scattered across the Flinders Ranges, often well beyond the 300 mm rainfall line. Many of these developments emerged from speculative attempts to profit from the occasional favourable season, resulting

in the occupation and transformation of unceded land. Even Wilpena Pound was not immune to this extractive approach, having been cropped for wheat for several seasons during the nineteenth century.

Within this context, the small fragments and found materials in Found evoke vast and empty vistas, reflecting on the indifference of the natural world to human ambition and the marks left by settlement.

Made by You on the OUT THERE Digital Platforms | Forecourt Projector & TAFE Screens

Made by You gives back to our vibrant community with a digital display of visitor-made artworks on Bathurst Regional Art Gallery's (BRAG) Digital Platforms: Forecourt Projector and TAFE Screens.

The BRAG Maker Space is a dedicated room in the Gallery for visitors to get creative, further their learning, and engage deeper with exhibition themes. Since February 2024, BRAG has seen thousands of visitor-made artworks take over our Maker Space walls.

During each exhibition suite, the Maker Space contains resources for all ages about the current exhibition, and visitors are asked to create an artwork responding to an exhibition-related prompt. Materials are provided and visitors are encouraged to add their finished artwork to a common wall – which over the duration of the exhibition forms a large-scale community-made artwork.

Made by You stitches together over 1,200 scans of these visitor-made artworks to form a new video-collage, celebrating the incredibly creative and invaluable contributions our visitors make to the BRAG community.

SUNDAY 17 MAY

BATHURST MINIATURE RAILWAY

Location: John Matthews Sporting Complex, Durham St

Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm (weather permitting)

Cost: \$2 per ride

Contact: bxminirail@gmail.com

Website: bmr.asn.au

Pack a picnic lunch and take the kids down to the miniature railway to enjoy a few rides on working scale model trains, just across the road from the Adventure Playground. Covered shoes must be worn.

TUESDAY 18 MAY

VERY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst

Open Mic Night is held on the third Tuesday of every month at Little Albert's Bar. Doors open at 6pm, with sign-up available upon arrival. Performers are invited to share their talents whether it's live music, poetry, comedy, or more, while audiences can simply relax and enjoy a welcoming evening of entertainment. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

WORLD BEE DAY

Location: Charles Sturt University, outside Building 1413 (Rafters Bar)

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Cost: Free

Website: humanitix.com/world-bee-day-bathurst-campus

May 20th is World Bee Day! To celebrate, the Bathurst Campus Environmental Working Group (CEWG) is running a hands on event for our Bathurst Campus. This is with the support of the International Student Office, Student Connection and Sustainability at Charles Sturt. This is a FREE event that is open to everyone!

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

BMEC PRESENTS LOSE TO WIN

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: See website of details

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: bmec.com.au

"In this country, you think it's your right to have three meals a day. Me, where I came from? I think it's a miracle." From South Sudan to Egypt to our stage, this is the extraordinary journey of Mandela Mathia. Fleeing his war-torn home as a child, Mandela spent many years journeying, searching, and eventually finding his way to our stage. This is a joyful, poignant solo show, straight from the man who lived it.

THURSDAY 21 MAY

DYLAN WRIGHT - LIVE IN LITTLE ALBERTS

Location: Little Alberts @ The Victoria Bathurst, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$33.08

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst

Reflecting on the songs, stories, and moments that shaped him, this is Dylan Wright's most intimate tour yet. Fresh off the success of his heartfelt single "Those Nights," Dylan invites audiences to share an evening of nostalgia, storytelling, and soul.

THURSDAY 21 MAY

FOREVER NU

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$39.76

Contact: 6332 5492

Website: keystone1889.com

How do you know if a tribute act can really deliver, matching the intensity and musicality of the bands they honour? You don't, not until you see them live.

WEDNESDAY 21 - SUNDAY 25 MAY

BATHURST WRITERS' & READERS' FESTIVAL 2026

The Bathurst Writers' & Readers' Festival returns this May, proudly celebrating a decade of storytelling, big ideas, and unforgettable conversations.

The much-loved Festival will feature five days of author talks, live-streamed sessions from the Sydney Writers' Festival (SWF), and exciting local events at Bathurst Library and the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC).

Live streamed big-name authors include Helen Garner, Markus Zusak, The Moriarty Sisters, Anna Funder, and international favourites like Colm Tóibín, Ian Rankin and A.C. Grayling.

Local talent will also take centre stage, with in-person appearances by Cadance Bell, Hayley Rawsthorne and Leesa Ronald, joined by other regional writers and readers. Families and young readers can enjoy sessions with Jeff Kinney, creator of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and fantasy favourite Lynette Noni, both part of the SWF live stream.

This year's pick is Purple Threads by Wiradjuri author Dr Jeanine Leane, a heartfelt, humorous and powerful story about growing up with two unforgettable Aunties on a sheep farm near Gundagai. We're honoured to welcome Dr Jeanine Leane in conversation with women leaders in our community. Copies of Purple Threads are available now at BooksPlus and Bathurst Library. For the full program visit bmec.com.au/event-category-whats-on/bwrf/

FRIDAY 22 MAY

EVENING RAGAS AT THE KEYSTONE

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 7pm - 10pm
Cost: Show only \$40; Dinner and show \$85
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Back in Bathurst for the first time since his sold out concert at BRAG in 2023, Sangeet Mishra an 8th generation sarangi player who has become one of India's most sought after sarangi players will transport the audience into the heart of North Indian Classical music.

FRIDAY 22 MAY

SPOT

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: See website of details
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

Eric Hill's beloved puppy comes to life on stage in a show that's fun for the whole family, with puppetry, songs, and puzzles for children aged 18 months and up. Perfect for Preschool, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 audiences, this production supports literacy and creative syllabus requirements and is closely aligned with Outcomes 3, 4 and 5 of the EYLF.

FRIDAY 22 MAY

PAINT & SIP WITH SHARELLE CREATES

Location: Rockley Pub
Time: 7pm
Cost: \$40
Contact: 6337 9415
Website: therockleypub.com.au/paintandsip

A relaxed, social painting session where participants are guided step-by-step to create their own usable artwork either an A4 spiral notebook or a 30 × 35 cm canvas tote bag. No prior painting experience is needed, just a willingness to have fun and get creative!

SATURDAY 23 MAY

BATHURST LIONS FARMERS' MARKETS

Location: Bathurst Showground, Kendall Ave
Time: 8am - 12pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: enquiries@bathurstfarmersmarket.com.au
Website: bathurstfarmersmarket.com.au

Wander through the pavilions and sample or buy fresh regional produce. The market's aim is to encourage stalls with goods that are grown and/or produced within the Bathurst and Central West Regions. 'Locally grown' Community Groups are often on hand with information, entertainment and much more! There is something for everyone.

SATURDAY 23 MAY

BATHURST BOWEL BALL

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 5.30pm
Cost: \$119
Contact: 0404 872 171
Website: keystone1889.com

What do you call a fancy ball which helps raise awareness and funds for bowel cancer? A Royal Flush! Join us for an evening dedicated to eradicating Bowel Cancer specifically in our young community. Supported by Bowel Cancer Australia, the 2025 Bathurst Bowel Ball will include a two-course seated dinner, live entertainment, keynote speakers, raffles and much more. The bar will also be available with themed cocktails and all your favourite beverages to party the night away!

SUNDAY 24 MAY

TARANA COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKETS

Location: On the grounds of the Rural Fire Service shed, Tarana
Time: 9am - 1pm; 4th Sunday of the month
Cost: Free
Contact: 0412 759 542
Facebook: facebook.com/TaranaFarmersMarket

Enjoy local produce and help support your local farmers and producers. Connect with your food and its growers.

SUNDAY 24 MAY

SUNDAY MORNING RAGAS AT THE KEYSTONE

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 10am
Cost: \$40
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Morning Ragas are not often heard on concert tours in Australia, so this is a very rare opportunity to immerse yourself in the sublime mediations of Morning Ragas. A very relaxed atmosphere, bring your favourite cushion and get comfortable, ready to be taken on a flight of fantasy that is North Indian Classical music.

TUESDAY 26 MAY

TIPSY TUESDAY//LIFE DRAWING

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$35

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: [facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst](https://www.facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst)

Curious about life drawing? Been sketching for years? Or just after a fun night out with friends? The Topsy Sketching Club is your go-to for a creative, cheeky, and relaxed evening out!

THURSDAY 28 MAY

CLASSIC SERIES: METALLICA FOR ALL

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$15

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: [facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst](https://www.facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst)

Celebrate 40 Years of Master of Puppets with '...and Metallica For All!'. In 1986, Master of Puppets changed heavy music forever, a defining moment in thrash metal that still hits just as hard 40 years on.

THURSDAY 28 - SUNDAY 31 MAY

LIFELINE BOOK FAIR

Location: Bathurst Showground

Time: 15th - 17th: 9am - 4pm; 18th: 10am - 2pm

Cost: Gold coin entry

Contact: 1300 798 258

Facebook: [facebook.com/lifelinecentralwestnsw](https://www.facebook.com/lifelinecentralwestnsw)

All books are in impeccable condition, sorted by author and genre and priced to sell. Games, CDs, DVDs and records also available. With tens of thousands of titles to choose from, you are sure to find something to suit all tastes and all ages from kids to seniors. Come and find the author and subject you like and help Lifeline Central West to maintain the community-based services that Lifeline is renowned for.

FRIDAY 29 MAY

ROCK MUSICAL CONCERT

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$15

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: [facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst](https://www.facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst)

Dust off your leather jacket and warm up those vocal cords! Join the Bathurst Musical Theatre Choir from the Mitchell Conservatorium for an electrifying night dedicated to the high-octane world of Rock Musicals. From the rebellious anthems of Rent and Rocky Horror to the stadium-sized hits of We Will Rock You, this performance celebrates the grit, the soul, and the power of the stage's greatest rock hits.

FRIDAY 29 MAY

NURSE GEORGIE CARROLL – INFECTIOUS

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: 8pm
Cost: Member: Adult \$59.90; Adult \$64.90; Concession \$59.90; Group 6+ \$59.90
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

As seen on Britain's Got Talent, winner of 'Best Comedy Show' at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and following a sold-out UK, New Zealand, and Australian tour in 2024, don't miss Nurse Georgie Carroll!

SATURDAY 30 MAY

360 BACK N FORTH TOUR w/ PEZ

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St
Time: 5.30pm
Cost: From \$59.90
Contact: 6332 5492
Website: keystone1889.com

Following the sold-out Out Of The Blue capital city tour, ARIA Award-winning rapper 360 and longtime collaborator PEZ are hitting the road again.

Off the back of 360's chart-topping fifth studio album Out Of The Blue (which debuted at #1 on the ARIA Australian Hip-Hop Albums Chart), the tour promises a high-energy, career-spanning set featuring both new cuts and the classics that defined a generation, from Falling & Flying to The Festival Song.

SUNDAY 31 MAY

OLD GOVERNMENT COTTAGE OPEN DAY

Location: 16 Stanley St
Time: 12pm - 4pm
Cost: Adult \$4; Concession/Child \$2
Contact: 6332 2522
Website: bathursthistory.org.au/places/old-government-cottage.html

The building known as Old Government Cottage is a rare, intact example, of an early Bathurst home. This historic building is located at 16 Stanley Street on the western side of the Macquarie-Wambuil River in the area of the Old Government Settlement. An interpretive display from Bathurst's earliest history has been set up within the building, focusing on the settlement timeline.

SUNDAY 31 MAY

BMEC ON-SCREEN - OTHELLO

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St
Time: 1pm
Cost: All tickets \$20
Contact: 6333 6161
Website: bmec.com.au

Directed by Tony Award-winner Tom Morris OBE (War Horse, Dr Semmelweis, The Grinning Man) with music by PJ Harvey, Othello is an epic story of manipulation, jealousy and toxic masculinity, exploring the darker side of power, rage and desire. Filmed live at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in London especially for the big screen.

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