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WHAT'S ON
Bathurst Region
AUGUST

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: 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 Scouts/Green Hall - Carpark of Anglican Cathedral

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Contact: 0421 871 348 First timers, give a call

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY IN AUGUST

LIVE BANDS AT THE FAM BAM

Location: Family Hotel, Cnr Russell & Bentinck Sts

Time: From 9pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 6331 1353

Facebook: [facebook.com/familyhotelbathurst](https://www.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.

UNTIL 31 DECEMBER

TRACKS TO POWER: BEN CHIFLEY'S POLITICAL GENESIS

Location: 10 Busby Street, Bathurst, 2795

Time: Monday - Sunday 11am-3pm; Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Cost: Adult \$15; Concession \$11; Child (5-18 years at school) \$7.50; Family \$39; Under school age Free

Contact: 6333 6543

Website: museumbathurst.com.au/chifley

To coincide with the 150th anniversary of the railway arriving in Bathurst, Chifley Home presents Tracks to Power: Ben Chifley's political genesis. This exhibition looks at Chifley's work with his union, and his role as a leader in the community. His later political reputation was built upon his analytical and leadership skills, alongside his work for his community, all developed during his time as a locomotive driver.

Chifley's skills were developed to the point where he felt comfortable realising an early ambition of standing for Parliament. While he sought preselection for a parliamentary seat, he acted as a witness in industrial arbitration hearings, a forum where his debating and analytical skills shone. He was also a key figure in the 8 Hour Day campaign, fought against conscription during the First World War, and lead his colleagues during the Great Strike of 1917.

The exhibition includes text and supporting objects that help explain how Ben Chifley rose to the highest office in the land. Exhibition is free with museum entry.

AUGUST

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

Stay cosy this winter with the warm range at Rankin Cottage Crafts. Discover jumpers, beanies, scarves, gloves, gifts, kitchenware and a great selection of craft supplies. Crochet lessons are running throughout July and August. Visit their Facebook page or pop into the store for more information.

UNTIL 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: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) presents 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 - Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) presents 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 in 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 - Bathurst Regional Art Gallery presents 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.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

RIVERSIDE MARKETS BATHURST

Location: Lions Club Drive, Kelso

Time: 9am - 1pm

Cost: Gold coin donation to Lions Club of Mount Panorama Inc

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideMarketsBathurst/>

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

SATURDAY 1 & SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

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 1 AUGUST

& JULIET

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St

Time: 1:30pm - 4pm & 7:30pm - 10pm

Cost: \$30 - \$55

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: bathurstregion.com.au/event/juliet

There's life after Romeo at this larger-than-life musical by the Emmy-winning writer from Schitt's Creek and pop music's #1 hitmaker. & Juliet flips the script on the greatest love story ever told, imagining what would happen next if Juliet hadn't ended it all over Romeo?

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

THE TENANTS + THE COOLZ LIVE - LIVE IN LITTLE ALBERTS

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

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$22.49

Website: bathurstregion.com.au/event/karize-edon-live-in-little-alberts/

Start you engines - The Bathurst FUNthousand is coming to town. Certified favourite sons The Tenants return to Bathurst for the first time in 20 years.

They'll be performing the hits that made them a Triple J darling in the early 2000s plus tracks from their upcoming pub rock masterpiece "Push & Hold".

SUNDAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 AUGUST

SUNDAY SKETCH SESSIONS

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery 70-78 Keppel Street

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 6333 6555

Website: www.bmec.com.au

Head to Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) every Sunday for a FREE, self-guided sketch session in our current exhibitions!. Materials and stool provided; FREE, self-guided session; No experience required.

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

THE EMBELLISHED HEART OF WIRE WORKSHOP - OBERON

Location: 87 Oberon Street, Oberon

Time: 11am - 2pm

Cost: \$80

Contact: 0406 966 362

Website: <https://gardenofwire.com.au/embellished-heart/>

Step into a world of rustic elegance and creativity with the third of our Embellished Series – The Embellished Heart of Wire Workshop. In this hands-on class, you'll transform a supplied Heart of wire frame with recycled Australian fencing wire into a one-of-a-kind decorative piece — charming, whimsical, and uniquely you.

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

HIGH TEA with author KIM KELLY hosted by BATHURST VIEW CLUB & BOOKS PLUS

Location: KeyStone 1889, 99 Keppel St

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Cost: \$55 per person

Website: www.keystone1889.com/event-details/high-tea-with-kim-kelly

The Bathurst VIEW Club and BooksPlus invite you to attend a very special 'Literary High Tea' event where you will be up close with local author, Kim Kelly. Kim Kelly is an award-winning historical novelist and literature academic. Her latest book, *Dust and Wonder*, takes readers into the magic of one of her favourite places.

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST

PUBLIC Choir

Location: Little Alberts @ the Victoria Bathurst, 3 Keppel Street

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: Free

Website: www.facebook.com/mitchellconservatorium

It's time to get the gang back together for another round of PUBLIC Choir at Little Alberts. No sheet music, no stress, and definitely no judgment—just the usual recipe of great drinks, great food, great company, and a massive singalong. Whether you're a seasoned regular or finally ready to see what the fuss is about, come along for a great night!

WEDNESDAY 5, 12, 19, 26 & FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

BATHURST HARNESS RACING CLUB

Location: Bathurst Harness Racing Club, 169 College Rd

Time: 5pm - 10pm

Cost: Free entry

Contact: 6333 5000

Website: bathurstharnessracing.org

Bathurst Harness Racing Club welcomes everyone to the track for our Wednesday night race meetings! Enjoy watching live racing, a hot meal from the bistro and a cold drink. Plenty of action happening trackside.

FRIDAY 7, 8, 9 AUGUST

CERAMIC PAINTING CLASS

Location: PANTHERS BATHURST (Panorama Room)

Time: Various times

Cost: \$99

Contact: 0483 955 983

Website: www.artmasterclass.com.au/products/ceramic-painting-class-bathurst

Looking for something FUN to do in Bathurst? This is it. Gain hands-on skills as you paint your ceramic bowl and explore creative designs. A super fun class! Includes Turkish tea service with treats.

FRIDAY 7, 14, 21, 28 AUGUST

LIVE & LOCAL IN THE BACKYARD

Location: Victoria Hotel, 3 Keppel St

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Cost: Free entry

Contact: 6331 5777

Facebook: facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst

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

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

RUNNING IN THE SHADOWS OF FLEETWOOD MAC

Location: Panthers Bathurst,

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$40

Contact: 6330 0600

Website: bathurstpanthers.com.au/event/running-in-the-shadows-of-fleetwood-mac/

Experience the music, the energy, and the magic of Fleetwood Mac like never before. Get ready to sing along to iconic hits: Gypsy • Don't Stop • Rhiannon • Dreams • Go Your Own Way • The Chain – and many more! Featuring the charismatic, powerhouse vocals of Ursula Cain & Bec Caruana (The Voice). Backed by world-class musicians, this is a live show that delivers from start to finish! Don't miss your chance to witness the ultimate tribute to one of the greatest bands of all times.

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

TALKS & TEA

Time: 10.30am - 12noon
Cost: Donation
Contact: 6333 6555 (RSVP essential)
Website: www.bathurstart.com.au

Join Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) Volunteer Guides for a spotlight talk and walk through of our current exhibitions, followed by morning tea.

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

DAY TOUR OF ARCHIBALD, WYNNE & SULMAN PRIZE AT AGNSW SYDNEY

Time: 8am - 7pm
Cost: \$95
Contact: 1300 728 321
Website: www.bathursttours.com

Discover Australia's finest contemporary art on a day trip to the 2026 Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes in Sydney.

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

WINES of BATHURST: MEET THE GROWERS

Location: Various Bathurst Wineries.
Time: 9.15am - 5pm
Cost: From \$169
Contact: 1300 728 321
Website: www.bathursttours.com.au/

Spend the day exploring four boutique cellar doors - Winburndale Wines, Rock Forest Vineyard, Vale Creek Wines and Renzaglia Wines. Meet the growers and winemakers, enjoy relaxed tastings and countryside views, then savour a delicious lunch at Norma Joan featuring fresh local produce.

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

ALL IN

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre
Time: 2 Sessions 1pm - 2.30pm; 7pm-8.30pm
Cost: \$30 - \$44
Contact: 6333 6161
Bookings: <https://www.bmec.com.au/>

All In is an uplifting, immersive experience that celebrates the richness and power of dance as a community unifier.

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

BMEC ON-Screen The AUDIENCE National Theatre Live

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Time: 1pm-4pm

Cost: \$20

Contact: 6333 6161

Bookings: <https://www.bmec.com.au>

Returning to cinemas for the first time in over a decade, Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in the Olivier and Tony Award® -winning hit production, directed by Stephen Daldry. For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience. From Winston Churchill to Margaret Thatcher and David Cameron, the Queen advised her prime ministers on matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

BATHURST THOROUGHBRED RACING

Location: Bathurst Thoroughbred Racing, 55 Eleven Mile Dr

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Cost: \$10

Contact: 6331 2719

Website: btracing.com.au

Head to Tyers Park for a relaxing afternoon! Experience the thrill of racing from our Racing Lounge area or the grandstand. Enjoy a flutter on the TAB, sip on a cold drink from the bar, and treat yourself to a delicious steak sandwich from the Lions Club Van. We can't wait to see you there!

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

VERY OPEN MIC

Location: The Victoria Bathurst, 3 Keppel St

Time: 6pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 6331 5777

Website: bathurstregion.com.au/event/very-open-mic-night

Step into a relaxed evening of live music, local talent and great company. Whether you're a seasoned performer, trying the stage for the first time, or simply looking to enjoy a night of entertainment, everyone is welcome.



BEATLESFEST 2026

FRIDAY 20 to SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Time: See program below and on website for events and times

Cost: Free & Ticketed Events

Website: <https://www.beatlesfest.com.au/>

Welcome to Beatlesfest Bathurst, a vibrant, family friendly, multi-venue festival dedicated to celebrating the music and legacy of The Beatles. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with live performances, engaging activities, and a community of fellow Beatles enthusiasts. Heaps of FREE EVENTS with ticketed events scattered throughout so you can choose your own adventure.

BEATLEFEST PROGRAM

•THURSDAY 20th August•

PRE-FABS present Before the Beatles 6pm-10pm - Little Alberts, Victoria Hotel

Backbeat 6pm - 10pm - Keystone 1889

Beatles Bingo with Bingo Starr 7pm - Reckless Brewing Co

Beatles Karaoke & More 9pm - The Oxford Hotel

•FRIDAY 21st August•

Beatles Karaoke & More 9pm - The Oxford Hotel

Honey Stompers 12pm - 2.45pm - Reckless Brewing Co

Musical Minds 1pm - 3pm - Majellan Bowling Club

Duck n' Cover (Cigarbox Beatles) 3pm - 6pm - Reckless Brewing Co

Wicks & Watts 5pm - 8pm - The Victoria Hotel (Front Bar)

Beatles Orchestra by Candlelight - Little Alberts at The Victoria Hotel 6pm-9pm

The Rubber Soles 7pm - 10pm - Reckless Brewing Co

Beatles Karaoke & More 9pm - The Oxford Hotel

Imagine - After The Beatles 8.00pm - 10.30pm - Bathurst R.S.L.

The LadyBeatles 6pm - 10pm - Keystone 1889

Shane Pacey's Yer Blues 8pm - 11pm - The Family Hotel

•SATURDAY 22nd August•

There Were Bells 10.00am-11.00am - Beatles on the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon

Carillon Tour 11.15am - A rare opportunity to head up the tower

Vintage Clothing Market 10.00am - 4.00pm - Cathedral Chapel Hall, 84 Keppel St

Vinyl Record Market 10.00am - 4.00pm - Bathurst Uniting Church Hall

Harry Carter & Bill Brown - Beatles in the Backyard 12pm - 6pm - The Victoria Hotel

The Magical Mystery Music BUSS Tour (Workshop) 9am - 12pm - Bathurst Uniting Church Activities Hall - [RSVP](#)

- Jay Katz hosts all day FREE entertainment at Reckless Brewery FREE ALL WEEKEND
- Woman's 28 Piece Singing Chorus 12.30pm - 2pm - Reckless Brewing Co
- The Jazz Beatles 4pm - 7pm - Reckless Brewing Co
- The LadyBeatles 12pm - 3pm - Keystone 1889
- Beatles Bingo with Bingo Starr 3pm - 5pm - Bathurst R.S.L.
- Ukulele Beatles Singalong 2.30pm - 4pm - Reckless Brewing Co.
- Pocket Percussion presents Every Beatles Beat- 1pm - 2pm - The Family Hotel - Part of Murray & The Movers
- Murray & The Movers (OG RED Wiggle Murray Cook) 3pm - 6pm - The Family Hotel
- Backbeat 6pm - 10pm - Keystone 1889
- Tony Mott - Behind The Lens 7pm - Bishop's Court Estate
- Glam Jam - Take a Break from The Beatles 7.00pm - 10.00pm - Reckless Brewery
- The Australian Beach Boys Tribute - 8.00pm - 10.30pm - Bathurst R.S.L.
- Conrad & Tanisha (Internet Sensations!) 5.00pm - 8.00pm (Front Bar) - The Victoria Hotel
- Minibus plays Rubber Soul and hits! 6.00pm-9.00pm - Little Alberts The Victoria Hotel
- SUNDAY 23rd August•**
- The Beatles Breakfast Live Singalong with The Album Show 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Vintage Clothing Market 10am - 2pm - Cathedral Chapel Hall, 84 Keppel St
- Jay Katz hosts all day FREE entertainment outside at Reckless Brewery
- The Magical Mystery Music BUSS Tour (Show) 10.30am - 11.30am - Macquarie Park - RSVP
- Vinyl Record Market 10am - 2pm - Bathurst Uniting Church Hall - 140B William St
- There Were Bells 12.00pm - 1.00pm - Beatles on Bathurst War Memorial Carillon
- Musical Minds 1pm - 3pm - Magellan Bowling Club
- The Rooftop Beatles by Bryan Estepa's Adeline 2pm - 5pm - The Backyard at The Victoria Hotel
- The Australian Buddy Holly Revue "Oh Boy!" 3.30pm - 5.30pm - Reckless Brewery
- Beatles and 60's Trivia with J-Rod - 6.00pm 8.00pm - Reckless Brewery
- The Rubber Soles - Beatlesfest After Party 8.00pm - 10.00pm - Reckless Brewery

Ticketed Event



Free Event



THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

SAPLING

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$42

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: <https://www.bmec.com.au>

Stories from the law and justice system. Winner of Best Production for Young People at the 2024 Sydney Theatre Awards.

Saplings is a powerful, funny and deeply human work drawn from real stories of young people who have experienced the youth justice system, brought to the Opera House stage with honesty, heart and hope.

Yani wants to go to the Easter Show. Kai is searching for a sense of home.

Shanika wants her mum back. Lachlan just wants a bowl of noodles. But when the justice system stands in the way, a bigger question emerges: what happens when the very system meant to support young people keeps holding them back?

A raw, poetic celebration of First Nations creativity and young people finding their voice against the odds.

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON TOUR: BEATLEFEST EDITION

Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, 3 Church Street

Time: 9am - 10.30am

Cost: \$20

Contact: contact@bathurstcarillon.org.au

Take the rare opportunity to learn the fascinating history of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon. Explore the three floors, meet one of our local carillonists and experience the sound from within the clavier room. After the tour, grab a coffee or some breakfast and experience The Beatles music ringing out across King's Parade and surrounds. Listen to favourite tunes arranged especially for Carillon and played by local carillonists Wendy Murphy and Jennifer Roberts.

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. Tours are limited to eight attendees per tour - so get in quick!

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

REGIONAL SONGWRITING CONTEST 2026

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Time: 7pm - 10pm

Cost: \$16 - \$25

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: <https://www.bhmec.com.au>

Want to come and watch and support amazing local talent? The 2026 Finalist Showcase of the Regional Songwriting Contest is now on sale.

Experience the next wave of local talent as our competition finalists hit the stage with their brand-new original songs. Each performance is amplified by a top-tier band of local musicians, bringing depth, energy, and serious vibe to every moment.

Don't miss this celebration of creativity, community, and the thrill of live music. Grab your friends, lock in your tickets, and meet us in the Showroom for an unforgettable night!

Want to Enter your own song? Find out more.

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

THE AUSTRALIAN BEACH BOYS TRIBUTE SHOW

Location: Bathurst RSL Club

Time: 8pm

Cost: \$25 - \$30

Contact: 02 6333 2999

Website: <https://www.bathurstsl.com.au/>

Australia's original, and number one award winning Tribute Show to the iconic Beach Boys. Coming to the Bathurst RSL Club for Beatlesfest 2026 The Australian Beach Boys Show, with its unique replica 'Wall of Sound' and Audio-Visual production, will leave you in awe.

Awarded Best Vocal Group for 2024 at the Australian Club Entertainment Awards (ACE Awards), along with nominations for Best Tribute Show for 2023 & 2024 and including Club Performer of The Year. The Australian Beach Boys Show truly is, in a class of its own. Performing classics such as, Good Vibrations, Help Me Rhonda, Barbara-Ann, Little Deuce Coupe, Wouldn't It Be Nice and many more.

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

BATHURST HISTORIC CAR CLUB - 37th Swap Meet

Location: Mountain Straight, Mount Panorama

Time: 6am - 3pm

Cost: \$5

Contact: 0400 751 668

Website: www.bathursthistoriccarclub.com/

The 37th Annual Swap Meet being held at the Paddock camping area at Mount Panorama, entry via Mountain Straight.

Swap meeting, display of vintage and classic cars and motorbikes.

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

BATHURST WAR MEMORIAL CARILLON TOUR: BEATLEFEST EDITION

Location: Bathurst War Memorial Carillon, 3 Church Street

Time: 10.30am - 12noon

Cost: \$20

Contact: contact@bathurstcarillon.org.au

Website: www.123fix.com.au/events/53370/bathurst-war-memorial-carillon

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SATURDAY 29 AUGUST - 1 NOVEMBER

FIVE DECADES: STUDIES IN REALISM

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

Five decades presents a small survey of personal work and invites us into the private collection of local artist Graham Lupp, providing a unique glimpse of studies made during formative moments and experiences of the artist's life. The exhibition offers a beautiful journey of reflection, retrospection and poignant perspectives, celebrating vulnerability and wisdom across five decades of practice. (Continue to next page)

FIVE DECADES: STUDIES IN REALISM

Realism has always been central to Lupp's work, starting in the 70s as an art student in London and has evolved through the years as playful encounters. Extensive travel in the 90s inspired a new aesthetic — blending images of new experiences overseas with more familiar subjects, mostly landscapes, derived from the Bathurst region. Apart from years of studying architecture in Sydney and fine art in London, Lupp has lived continuously in his hometown of Bathurst and developed a lifelong passion for the landscape of the district and has dedicated himself to its meticulous study. In later years this aesthetic has slowly given way to a more expressive approach, in an endeavour to understand the sublime through a deep-seated emotional connection to a childhood spent in the Australian bush.

Five decades is a journey through practice, viewed from a vantage point of five decades. Many of these studies have led to larger paintings now held in major public and private collections, but for Lupp these studies are of the greatest value.

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST - 1 NOVEMBER

TRANSFORMATIONS: IMAGE, TIME & LANDSCAPE

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

Transformations: Image, Time & Landscape surveys 27 years of work by Hill End-based artist Nicole Welch. Throughout her career and across mediums, her work is rich with symbolism, tension, and transformation and explores the relationships between landscape, the body, time, and memory. Welch creates works that are at once visually beautiful and conceptually challenging. Growing up in Bathurst as the daughter of an antiques dealer, Welch spent much of her childhood surrounded by antique furniture and decorative objects. She recalls being fascinated as a child by the memories behind objects, the great lengths taken to transport an object to a foreign place in a bid to bring with it a connection to home. This influence of historical objects, particularly those referencing the material culture of the Victorian period can be seen as recurrent themes and visual language in her work. In her early career these influences were explored through processes like printmaking, beading books, lino cutting and fabric printing. In later works these influences intersect with key life events and remain as a personal point of reference for exploration and understanding. (continue to next page)

TRANSFORMATIONS: IMAGE, TIME & LANDSCAPE

A significant moment in her relationship between landscape and body was falling ill in 2004 and being forced to return from London to her hometown of Bathurst. A tension which revealed itself as a new creative connection to this region, its landscape, ecology and history.

Short trips into the landscape around the Central West nurtured Welch both emotionally and physically, allowing her to be drawn out of herself and into the forests, rivers and gorges and connecting her back to her own existence. Since 2012 she has worked primarily in photography and digital media creating images in remote bushland locations, bringing together installation, performance, and site-responsive research to create images that reveal the layered cultural, environmental and personal narratives embedded within place. Here the historical references play a different role, where Welch observes the objects from her past with a new national perspective and contends with the colonial history of Australia.

In 2023 Welch relocated from Bathurst to Hill End where she began to re-visit infrared cameras as a tool to reveal the unseen world that emerges after darkness falls. In her most recent series *Unveiling the Night*, 2024, Welch has removed herself as body and as photographer, surrendering artistic control to that of the environment. These unique renders of the hidden lives of the Australian bush are revealed as a cinematic exploration beyond image, time and landscape.

Welch has exhibited widely across Australia and internationally. Her work is held in major public and private collections in Australia and internationally, including Art Gallery of Ballarat, Artbank, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Canberra School of Art Collection ANU, Greater Western Area Health Service Health NSW, Harris Farm Markets Collection, Macquarie Group Collection, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Murray Art Museum Albury, National Library of Australia, and Parliament House Art Collection Canberra.

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

TARANA COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKETS

Location: Tarana Rural Fire Service sheds, Sodwalls Road, Tarana

Time: 9am - 1pm

Contact: 0412 759 542

Website: www.taranafarmersmarket.com/

Fresh food and artisan produce market from your local growers and makers.

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

IN CONVERSATION - SOPHIE GREEN

Location: Bathurst Library 70-78 Keppel Street

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 6333 6281

Website: www.library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On

Join Australian bestseller Sophie Green for a conversation on her new book *The Frock Shop*. A sparkling story about the beauty of the second-hand, the power of second chances, and becoming who you were always meant to be, with a little help from your friends.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase on the night.

THROUGHOUT AUGUST

TARANA TRAIN TRAGEDY at the BATHURST RAIL MUSEUM

Time: Friday - Wednesday 9am - 4.30pm (Closed Thursday)

Contact: 6338 2850

Website: <https://museumbathurst.com.au/>

A disaster struck near Tarana in 1950, when a goods train plunged down a collapsed embankment, weakened by days of rain, opening up a crater 13 metres deep and over 30 metres long. A petrol tanker fell against the engine and was ignited, causing an inferno that raged through the night.

One of the three staff on board was killed when he was trapped underneath the engine, succumbing to the fire.

The display includes a diorama of the accident and a poem by bush poetry champion, David Stanley.

ANNIE MILNE MCKENZIE at the CHIFLEY HOME & EDUCATION CENTRE

Location: 10/12 Busby Street, South Bathurst

Time: Friday - Monday 11am - 3pm

Contact: 6333 6152

Annie Milne McKenzie was the second daughter born to George and Isabella McKenzie of Milltown, now known as South Bathurst. She was the younger sister to Elizabeth Gibson McKenzie, who went on to marry Ben Chifley. Little is known about Annie, who tragically died at the age of only 24. Using oral histories, official documents and newspaper reports of the time, a picture of an active and popular young lady comes to life. Annie, who so far has been just a footnote in the Chifley Home story, comes out of the shadows of her more famous elder sister.



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