



Bathurst
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WHAT'S ON
Bathurst Region
SEPTEMBER

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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 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.

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 Walshaw Hall, Church St

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Contact: 0421 871 348

Facebook: 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 SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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.

UNTIL 1 NOVEMBER 2026

**TRANSFORMATIONS: IMAGE, TIME & LANDSCAPE | NICOLE WELCH;
A Mid-Career Survey, curated by Richard Perram OAM.**

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery 70 - 78 Keppel Street

Time: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm; Saturday - Sunday 10am - 2pm

Contact: 6333 6555

Cost: Free

Website: <https://bathurstart.com.au/exhibitions-events/>

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.

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. (continue to next page)

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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.

UNTIL 1 NOVEMBER 2026

FIVE DECADES: STUDIES IN REALISM | GRAHAM LUPP OAM

Location: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery 70 - 78 Keppel Street

Time: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm; Saturday - Sunday 10am - 2pm

Contact: 6333 6555

Cost: Free

Website: <https://bathurstart.com.au/exhibitions-events/>

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.

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 (continue to next page)

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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.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

THE MATTER OF FACTS WORKSHOP

Location: Bathurst Library 70-78 Keppel Street

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Contact: 6333 6281 to book

Cost: Free

Website: <https://library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Home/Events>

Equipping communities to better identify false information.

The ABC in partnership with Australian Library and Information Association and Western Sydney University invite you to this media literacy workshop to equip communities to better identify false information. This workshop is presented in connection with the ABC three-part documentary series *The Matter of Facts*, hosted by Hamish Macdonald.

Participants will build essential media literacy skills to confidently navigate today's complex information landscape. The workshop will include a presentation and guided discussion. Participants will receive links to resources to explore at home. The workshop will be facilitated by Bathurst Library staff, following the format designed by the ABC, Australian Library and Information Association and Western Sydney University. This includes video segments and participant discussion.

Spaces are limited. If you have attended a previous *Matter of Facts* workshop in 2026, you are not eligible to attend another, as the content is the same.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC CHOIR @ Little Alberts

Location: The Victoria Bathurst 3 Keppel Street

Time: 7pm - 9pm (doors open at 6pm)

Contact: 6331 6622

Cost: \$5.00

You know the drill! 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 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SEPTEMBER

BATHURST HARNESS RACING

Location: Bathurst Harness Racing Club, 169 College Road

Time: 5pm - 10pm

Contact: 6333 5000

Website: bathurstharnessracing.org

Cost: Free entry

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 4, SATURDAY 5, SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

RYDGES MOUNT PANORAMA FATHER'S DAY SPECIALS

Location: 1 Conrod Straight BATHURST

Time: Friday & Saturday 5pm - 10pm; Sunday 7am - 12noon

Contact: 6338 1888

Website: 1 Conrod Straight Bathurst

Cost: Dinner: 2 Courses \$59; 3 Courses \$75. Father's Day B'fast \$30.

Shout your Dad a special 2 or 3 course meal on Friday & Saturday nights to celebrate Father's Day. Sunday morning breakfast has been extended from 7am to 12 noon. Any extra purchases at your own costs.

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

RIVERSIDE MARKETS BATHURST

Location: Berry Park

Time: 8am - 1pm

Contact: 6337 1203

Facebook: [RiversideMarketsBathurst](#)

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

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 5 SEPTEMBER

CONROD FLYER - MOUNT PANORAMA

Location: Mountain Straight, Mount Panorama

Time: 7.30am - 5pm

Contact: 0408 659 862

Website: [bathurstlightcarclub.com.au](#)

Cost: Free

Experience the Thrill of Mount Panorama!

Bathurst Light Car Club is proud to present an exciting 2-Day Motorsport event on the iconic Mount Panorama Circuit.

- Saturday: Stage One – Supersprint Style Event
- Sunday: Stage Two – Flying Fifth Style Event

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or looking to take on one of Australia's most famous circuits, this is an event not to be missed.

Come along and enjoy all the action with free spectator entry. Don't forget to bring your own chair and settle in for a fantastic weekend of motorsport.

SATURDAY 5, 12, 19, 26 SEPTEMBER

ABERCROMBIE HOUSE - STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

Location: 311 Ophir Road

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Website: [123tix.com.au/events/abercrombie-house](#)

Cost: Adult \$30 | Senior \$25 | Child \$20

A delicious new Spring experience at Abercrombie House. Includes general admission access to the newly opened basement, fresh strawberries with chantilly cream, leaf tea or freshly ground coffee.

SATURDAY 5, 6 & 11 SEPTEMBER

PRIMAVERA AUCTION ART SPECIAL SHOWING

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

Time: 10am - 2pm

Contact: 0418 228 766

Website: www.braginc.com.au/events

Cost: Free

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Society (affectionately known as BRAGS) is excited and grateful for the support from prominent Australian artists for the Society's Primavera Gala fundraising event on Saturday 12 September at BoxGrove Country Retreat featuring a live art auction by auctioneer from Elders Ems Mooney Real Estate.

A preview of the auction artworks and raffle prizes will be exhibited for three days only in Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Meeting Room.

Members of the community are invited to seize this rare opportunity to see works from a prestigious group of Australian artists all in one place for free in the cultural heart of our region.

The auction includes works by a number of acclaimed Australian artists and proudly features Wiradyuri artist Jessica Leffley among other confirmed participants: Jock Alexander, Lino Alvarez Carrasco, Stephen Hogan, Greg Hyde, Graham Lupp, Euan Macleod, Reg Mombassa, Amanda Penrose-Hart, Rosemary Valadon and Peter Wilson. In addition, acclaimed artist Harrie Fasher is providing the experience of a bronze pour at her studio in Portland, followed by lunch.

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER to 31 DECEMBER

PETER BROCK EXHIBITION

Location: National Motor Racing Museum

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm, closed on Tuesdays

Contact: 6332 1872 | nmrmcounter@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Website: museumbathurst.com.au

Cost: Adult \$15; Concession \$11; Child \$7.50; Family \$39.

Launching 11am Tuesday 8 September, the National Motor Racing Museum is hosting an all-new exhibition looking at the life, legacy and success of Peter Brock: King of the Mountain.

This exhibition celebrates Peter Brock's career and incredible influence on the history of Australian motorsport, particularly here at Mount Panorama, the location of so many of his most notable achievements. We remember a legend of our sport, and a hero to so many race fans across the country.

Entry will be free from 11am-3pm next Tuesday 8 September to align with the exhibition launch.

The exhibition will be open through to the end of the Christmas holidays.

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

GET READY: BUSH FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Location: Bathurst Library 70 - 78 Keppel Street

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Contact: 6333 6281 (Bookings essential)

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

Cost: Free

Do you have a burning question about bush fire safety? Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think.

You don't need to have bush directly next to your property to be at risk during a bush fire. Embers can travel long distances quickly and start a fire. Recent wet weather has encouraged bush growth and made it harder to manage.

Even if you can't see the bush, make sure you stay well prepared before and during the bush fire danger period. Review or create your bush fire survival plan so you know exactly what to do when a fire threatens your property.

Come to our relaxed workshop where you will go over

- the basics of knowing your home/property risk,
- making a bush fire survival plan,
- preparing your home/property for the impact of fire, and
- keeping yourself informed.

Experienced Rural Fire Service personnel will be present to guide you and answer any questions you may have.

Spaces are limited. To book, call 6333 6281. Unable to attend on the night?

Create your plan online at MyFirePlan.com.au or drop in to the library and pick up some practical information to take home.

FRIDAY 11 - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

EVANS ARTS COUNCIL ART SHOW

Location: Mount Panorama Volunteers' Pavilion - follow the Town Cryer Flags

Time: Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 10am - 3pm

Contact: 6331 7027

Facebook: facebook.com/EvansArtsCouncilBathurst

Cost: Public entry is free to view

The annual Evans Arts Council Art Show showcasing 'The Bathurst I Love'.

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

PRIMAVERA GALA DINNER & ART AUCTION

Location: BoxGrove, 119 Duramana Road, Eglinton

Time: 5.30pm - 11.30pm

Contact: 0431 425 889

Website: <https://www.braginc.com.au/events>

Cost: \$110 - \$135

Join Bathurst Regional Art Gallery Society for a night of elegance and purpose. Dress in cocktail chic with a botanical flair, enjoy twilight drinks, a three-course dinner, and a program of immersive entertainment, guests will enjoy atmospheric harp music by Bethany Carter-Sherlock, before dancing the night away to local band favourite Abstract Compulsion. A highlight of the night is the live art auction, by an auctioneer from Elders Ems Mooney Bathurst featuring works by local, national, and internationally known, Australian artists Jock Alexander, Lino Alvarez, Harrie Fasher, Steve Hogan, Greg Hyde, Graham Lupp, Evan MacLeod, Reg Mombasa, Amanda Penrose-Hart, and Peter Wilson. Emerging multi-media artist Kendelle Watts has been invited to join the auction following her recent successful exhibitions at Orange, and Cowra regional art galleries. Member \$110 | Non-Member \$135
Cocktail Chic | Welcome Drink | Fine Dining | Live Auction | Live Music
Courtesy bus by Bathurst Tours from Bathurst Courthouse, Russell Street to Boxgrove Country Retreat at 5pm and 5.30pm, with return trips from the venue to Bathurst at 11pm and 11.30pm.

SATURDAY 12 - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

DAFFODILS AT RYDAL

Location: Rydal - various sites

Time: 10am - 4pm

Contact: 0419 209 201

Facebook: DaffodilsAtRydal

Cost: \$10

There are country and village gardens open. The main ticket purchase area is at the railway station where you will receive a map of the gardens and arm band. A well attended Art Show is in one of the gardens. Stalls in the main street. Food vendors. Food and stalls in some of the gardens...Kimbri, Karingal, Chapel House. A pop up Country Shop in Rose Cottage plus plants and cakes. Pets on leads accepted. Parking available. Public toilets.

Payment can be made on the day \$10 for entry to all gardens and Art Show.

A heritage train will arrive at 11am on the Saturday 12th.

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

ROCKLEY ARTISAN MARKET

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

Time: 9am - 1pm

Contact: 0422 006 564

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rockleyartisansmarket>

Cost: Free

Rockley Spring Market coincides with the 175th anniversary of the founding of Rockley. There will be lots of stalls, local produce and producers of artisan crafts, wine, beer, cider. Food and coffee van. Art, pottery, jewellery. Organic veg, bread, olive oil, pickles and preserves.

All from across the Central West, hand made local and full of goodness.

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

FATHER'S DAY OUT @ THE NATIONAL MOTOR RACING MUSEUM

Location: 400 Panorama Avenue, Mount Panorama

Time: 9am - 4.30pm

Contact: 6331 4929

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

Cost: Free entry for all dads. Adult \$15 | Concession \$11 | Child \$7.50

Bonus: Book a lap of the legendary Mount Panorama Circuit in a replica race car – the perfect day out for any motorsport fan. Contact the National Motor Racing Museum 02) 6332 1872 to book your lap.

The National Motor Racing Museum celebrates the rich history of Australian motorsport, with a particular focus on Bathurst and Mount Panorama as the spiritual home of Australian motor racing. Located at Murray's Corner, Mount Panorama, it's an address envied by motorsport fans Australia-wide.

From humble beginnings as a temporary display, the Museum, then known as the Bathurst Motor Racing Museum, was officially opened in 1988 by the late Peter Brock. Over the past 30 years, the Museum and its collection have grown substantially to cover all facets of motorsport, from the 1920s to the present day. The stories of drivers and events are brought to life through original trophies, race suits, leathers, race footage and photographs. See many of the dominant machines that competed in Australian touring car, open-wheeler, rally, motorcycle and speedway racing.

Explore the ever-changing exhibitions and experience the spectacular Immersive Room, which gives visitors a taste of the speed, sound and excitement of racing at Mount Panorama.

Held the weekend after Father's Day, it's the perfect opportunity to continue the celebrations with a visit to the Museum. The gift shop will be stocked with great gift ideas for Dad, and there will be plenty to see and enjoy throughout the day.

SUNDAY 13 & SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

SPRING HIGH TEAS at ABERCROMBIE HOUSE

Location: 311 Ophir Road

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Website: abercrombiehouse.com.au

Cost: Adult \$70 | Concession \$65 | 14yrs and under \$55

Bookings: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/profile/abercrombie-house>

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.

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

VERY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Location: The Victoria Bathurst, 311 Keppel Street

Time: 6pm

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheVictoriaBathurst>

Cost: Free

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.

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

BLUEY'S BIG PLAY THE STAGE SHOW

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William Street

Sessions: 9.30am | 12.30pm | 3.30pm

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: www.bmec.com.au/whats-on/blueys-big-play-2026

Cost: Price on application

The return of the hit stage show! From New York's Madison Square Garden to London's Royal Festival Hall, Bluey's Big Play has delighted fans across the globe – and now it returns home to Australia for an encore tour.

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

KAVISHA MAZZELLA LIVE at JACK DUGGANS IRISH PUB

Location: 135 George Street

Time: 7.30pm

Contact: 6331 2712

Website: jackduggans.com.au

Cost: Free

Born in the UK to Italian and Anglo-Burmese parents and migrating to Australia at an early age, Former Port Fairy Artist and Aria award winning Kavisha Mazzella AM is attuned to the power of cultural diversity. She is a warm, engaging, and thoughtful singer-songwriter who also invites audience participation in her concerts. She has been a valued part of the Australian Folk movement since the 1990s. In 2024 she won the Australian Folk Alliance Lifetime achievement Award. Her motto is Sing For No one, Sing For Everyone!

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

CREATIVE ARTISANS SPRING MARKET

Location: 20 Rockley Street, Perthville

Time: 9am - 2.30pm

Contact: 0427 314 776

Facebook: www.facebook.com/share/1BpJtUaHcm/

Cost:

Come along for a fun-filled day of exploring the creations of our local artisans. There will be food, coffee, sweets and lots of art and craft for the most discerning of shoppers.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

WINES of BATHURST: MEET THE GROWERS

Location: Various Wineries

Time: 9.15am - 5pm

Contact: 1300 728 321

Website: bathursttours.com.au

Cost: \$169

Spend eight hours exploring boutique cellar doors at [Winburndale Wines](#), [Rock Forest Vineyard](#), [Vale Creek Wines](#) and [Renzaglia Wines](#), meeting the growers and winemakers who are shaping Bathurst's emerging wine region. You'll enjoy relaxed tastings, stunning countryside views and plenty of time to chat about the stories behind each vineyard and vintage. A lunch stop at Norma Joan lets you sample fresh local produce, making this one of the most delicious things to do in Bathurst on a weekend escape or NSW country road trip.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

KARISHA and THE FUNKAARS

Location: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William Street

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Contact: 6333 6161

Website: www.bmec.com.au

Cost: Adult \$30 | Youth/Student \$30.00 | Group x 4 \$30p/p

Karisha and The FunKaars, a world music band hailing from Canberra, offers a unique blend of Eastern and Western musical traditions. A live and interactive show, the band showcases a diverse range of instruments and multilingual vocals.

Through their fusion music, they aim to share the richness of Indian subcontinent culture and spirituality with their audience. FunKaars, meaning 'Artists' फनकार in Indian language, create an exciting experience of fusing Indian classical cultural spiritual folk music based on Hindustani Indian ragas with jazz mash-ups and the flavour of Bollywood.

Karisha was raised in Mumbai, India where she received her training in Indian classical vocals. Growing up, Karisha's musical influences ranged from Classical Indian, Folk, Bollywood, to English rock and American Jazz music. Karisha performed at various venues in Mumbai but spent most of her adult life in the USA where she won the Voice of Florida singing contest in 2008. She recorded her first single in 2014 in California. (Continue over page)

Since her move to Australia in 2019, Karisha has released 4 new singles and continues to record new music with her band, FunKaars. The music video for one of her singles was nominated for the Canberra Short Film Festival 2024. Lyrics in English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Kannada, Malayalam, Gujarati, Farsi and Marwadi are translated by Karisha on stage adding to the audience's cultural experience and insights.

Karisha & The FunKaars have been actively performing in the Canberra community since they were formed in 2023. They have headlined at many festivals and have begun touring across Australia.

To learn more about the artist, go to KarishaAndTheFunKaars.com.au.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

EDGEELL BATHURST JOG

Location: Kings Parade, Russell Street

Time: 9am

Contact: 0412 455 979

Website: bathurstedgelljog.org.au

Cost: Adult \$40-\$45; Under 17 \$15; Family \$80-\$90

The Edgell Jog is an annual community fun run which has been running for 50 years from 1976 to now. This year will be the final jog!

The Edgell Jog isn't just about running against the clock — it's about running together! Grab your mates, get the family together, round up your work crew or challenge your sporting team and take on the 7.5km Edgell Jog as a team! Whether you're racing for a PB, jogging together, walking the course or just having a great morning out, there's nothing better than crossing that finish line with your people.

Registrations are online or you can register on the morning.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

SPRING HIGH TEA at ABERCROMBIE HOUSE

Location: 311 Ophir Road

Contact: 6331 4929 | abercrombiehouse@bigpond.com

Sessions: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Website: www.abercrombiehouse.com.au

Cost: Adult \$70 | Senior/Child \$55

Bookings: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/profile/abercrombie-house>

This popular High Tea at Magnificent Abercrombie House 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 and general admission is included in the ticket price. BYO champagne welcome. This is an outstanding afternoon of elegance and style taking you back to an older and more refined age.

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

TRUTH, REALITY AND AI

Location: 70 - 78 Keppel Street

Contact: 6333 6281 | library@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Sessions: 6pm to 7pm

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

Cost: Free

Presented by Cory Alpert and facilitated by Jac Underwood

In an era dominated by conversations about misinformation and disinformation, the central question remains: What is truth?

This is a conversation about the nature of truth, the information we receive, and how 21st-century technologies are reshaping our understanding of both. Is there something you would really like help understanding? Or something you would like Cory's opinion on? Questions can be sent through before the event via the event page on our website.

About Cory

Cory Alpert is a sociologist and writer specialising in the intersection of artificial intelligence and democracy. Cory brings a unique perspective on how technology shapes societal trust and political engagement.

His research focuses on how AI disrupts traditional democratic norms and explores ways to rebuild agency and efficacy in the age of algorithms.

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

THE AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR presents SONGS & STORIES

Location: All Saints' Cathedral, 3 Church Street

Sessions: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Website: australianboyschoir.com.au/blog/tour-bathurst

Cost: General Admission \$25; Under 16 Free

The Australian Boys Choir is thrilled to be touring throughout NSW this September. Presenting a program of music by leading Australian composers, this performance is conducted by artistic director Nicholas Dinopoulos and will also feature organist and pianist Timothy Mallis. Don't miss hearing Australia's 'first and finest' choir for boys and young men in this special afternoon performance.

This concert will feature selections from our 2026 tour repertoire including: Out There | Dan Walker (Australia, b.1978); The Wind | Lyn Williams (Australia, b.1963); Ferry Me Across the Water | Lyn Williams (Australia, b.1963); Sailing Time | Dulcie Holland (Australia, 1913-2000) The Estuary | Leonie Holmes (New Zealand, b.1962); Easterly from Three Country Poems | Alan John (Australia, b. 1958); Cutty Sark from Voices of a Land | Stephen Leek (Australia, b.1959); Sea Chant | Peter Sculthorpe (Australia, 1929-2014) etc.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

HISTORY & MYSTERY WITH SUE WILLIAMS & JAMES DUNBAR

Location: Bathurst Library, 70 - 78 Keppel Street

Contact: 6333 6281 (Bookings essential)

Sessions: 6pm - 7.30pm

Website: <https://library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On/Adults>

Cost: Free

Join celebrated authors Sue Williams and James Dunbar as they interview each other about their writing in this History & Mystery special event.

Crime writer James Dunbar will chat about his three crime novels – Twisted River, Mole Creek and his brand new sequel Blood Moon.

He will be interviewed by Sue about the challenges of writing authentic Australian rural crime stories “without getting buried in red dust.”

SUE will talk about her latest book The Duke's Secret based on her quest to prove that her six-time great-grandmother

was the illegitimate child of Waterloo hero, the Duke of Wellington. She will also discuss her novels about the women

of the immediate postcolonial era: Elizabeth and Elizabeth, That Bligh Girl, The Governor, His Wife and his Mistress and her upcoming title Macarthur's Daughters.

And that's not to mention the other 30 books she has written over the last few years, from Women of the Outback to biographies and true crime.

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

SATURDAY 24 - 27 SEPTEMBER

READING RETREAT with AUTHOR EMILY MAGUIRE

Location: 4031 O'Connell Road

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

Cost: \$1,550

Delve into the relationships we form with authors and their characters in this joyous weekend of reading hosted by Emily Maguire, one of Australia's most compelling literary voices.

Her latest novel Rapture showcases an incredible imagination, as she draws on the legend of the first and only female pope, creating the story of a gifted young woman who disguises herself as a man to become a brilliant scholar in 9th-century Europe. This carefully curated three day retreat is designed for people who feel that books, authors and fictional worlds are central to their lives. Readers who carry characters with them long after the final page.

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READING RETREAT with AUTHOR EMILY MAGUIRE (cont'd)

Far away from the city frenzy in a superb five-star guest house in Bathurst, Emily will join guests each day to share her experience as a writer, reader and observer of the enduring relationships between people and stories across the centuries. Experience this exceptional opportunity to disconnect and immerse yourself in reading, all in the sublime surrounds of Littlebourne Guest House.

FRIDAY 25 - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

46th NSW STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

Location: Bathurst Panthers Club

Time: 7pm - 9pm Spectators

Contact: 2026sdconvention@gmail.com |

registrar.sdconvention2026@gmail.com

Website: sardansw.au

Cost: tba

Bathurst is set to come alive this September as the Square and Round Dance Association celebrates its 70th anniversary with the 46th NSW State Square & Round Dance Convention. Held from Friday evening 25 September to Sunday 27 September at the Bathurst Panthers Club, the event will bring colour, music, and community spirit to one of regional NSW's most historic cities. Visitors can expect a vibrant weekend filled with lively dancing, warm hospitality, and the unmistakable energy of square and round dance culture. Dancers from across New South Wales and interstate will be travelling to Bathurst, making the city a hub of celebration and connection throughout the three-day event.

Whether you're an experienced dancer or simply curious, the convention offers a welcoming program designed for all ages and abilities. Square dancing is a joyful, social activity that promotes fitness, friendship, and fun — values that have shaped the Association's 70-year history. Spectators are warmly invited to attend and watch for free, making it an ideal opportunity for visitors to experience the atmosphere, enjoy the music, and discover a unique part of Australia's cultural heritage.

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

BATHURST FARMERS MARKETS by Lions Club of Bathurst Inc

Location: Bathurst Showground, Lot 1 Kendall Avenue

Time: 8am - 12noon

Contact: enquiries@bathurstfarmersmarket.com.au

Website: bathurstfarmersmarket.com.au

Cost: Gold coin donation

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, much more!

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

BATHURST ROTARY GREAT DUCK RACE

Location: Wambuul, Macquarie River, Low Level Bridge, Hereford Street

Time: 11am for a race start at 12noon

Contact: bathurstrotary@gmail.com

Website: rotaryclubofbathurst.org.au

Cost: \$10

Firstly, collect your yellow racing duck for race day from Bathurst City Centre on Saturday 12, 19 & 26 September between the times of 9am - 12pm. Then on the 27 September take your duck to the river and drop it in.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

TARANA COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKETS

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

Time: 9am - 1pm

Contact: 0412 759 542

Website: www.taranafarmersmarket.com/

Products range from farm meats, free range eggs, fruit and vegetables, jams and preserves, cakes and sweets, breads and salami, local wines to live alpacas. Shady umbrellas provide a place to sit and relax while listening to the buskers and enjoying locally produced market food and coffee.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

BOMBSHELLS

Location: Bathurst Panthers Club

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm

Contact: 02 6333 6161

Website: bmec.com.au

Cost: Adult \$42 | BMEC Member \$35 | Under 16 \$20

With singing, dancing, comedy and the joys of sheer honesty, Joanna Murray-Smith's acclaimed play Bombshells is a journey from crisis to hilarity, via the thoughts of a group of women all linked by more than just their proximity to the edge; a nervous bride-to-be, an exhausted young mother, a widow with a yearning for the unexpected, a broken-hearted cactus lover, and a feisty teenage talent-quest competitor. Joy, drama, crisis, fear, revelation – there are times where you have to remain cool and calm on the outside. The inside, meanwhile, is a flailing monologue of personal pep talks, perish-the-thoughts and perpetual panic. Bombshells strips back the masks we wear to reveal the things that sometimes we'd just love to say out loud.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

KIDS NIGHT TOURS at ABERCROMBIE HOUSE

Location: 311 Ophir Road

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Contact: 02 6331 4929 | abercrombiehouse@bigpond.com

Website: abercrombiehouse.com.au

Cost: \$25 per person

Our very popular Childrens' Night Tour of magnificent Abercrombie House – History Detectives – for children from about 7 years up. Must be accompanied by an adult. All tickets (for kids and the adults) are \$25 Numbers are very limited. Bring a torch, wear warm clothes and walking shoes, we conclude with hot chocolate and cookies / biscuits on the verandah. The house and grounds are fairly dark for this special tour so torches are essential.

OCTOBER		
10	Trunkey Creek Annual Wool & Horse Festival	trunkeyshow@hotmail.com
	Repco Bathurst 1000 Off Track Events	6333 6111 bathurst.nsw.gov.au/events
8/11/2026	2026 Repco Bathurst 1000	V8 Supercars Australia - 07 5526 3564 supercars.com/bathurst1000
14 - 18	Spring into Art Newbridge	0412 943 683 newbridgensw.com.au
25	Mount Panorama Punish	info@panoramapunish.com panoramapunish.com
31 – 1 NOV	Bathurst Spring Spectacular	0435 786 485 springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au
NOVEMBER		
7	Kaleidoscope Festival	bathurst.nsw.gov.au
13	BX After Dark: The Wandering Table: Stories After Dark - Opening Night	elevatebathurst.com.au/bx-after-dark ceo@elevatebathurst.com.au
14	BX After Dark: The Wandering Table: Stories After Dark - The Gathering	elevatebathurst.com.au/bx-after-dark ceo@elevatebathurst.com.au
14	Marmalade Festival Peel Jam	facebook.com/peeljam
14	Dane Ballinger Memorial Bathurst Truck Show	0407 489 634 designerevents.net.au
14 - 15	Carcoar Running Festival	Andrew@carcoarcup.com.au
14 - 15	Rockley Open Gardens & Art Festival	Rockleygardensandart.weebly.com
14 - 15	Bathurst Outdoor Expo and Christmas Markets	0407 489 634 designerevents.net.au
15	Bathurst Swap Meet / Bike & Car Show	0407 489 634 designerevents.net.au
19 -22	Challenge Bathurst	6333 6111 challengebathurst.com
DECEMBER		
13	Carols by Candlelight	6331 6622 mitchellconservatorium.edu.au
13	Fish River Festival	facebook.com/fishriverfestival/

Bathurst Visitor Information Centre

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Monday - Friday

9.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday - Sunday

10.00am - 3.00pm



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