

2024

# AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

BATHURST & VILLAGES

14 MARCH - 19 MAY



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- Guided Tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre
  - Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail
    - My Block
- Bathurst District Historical Society Museum - Seniors Week
- Monthly Muster - Banks of Bathurst
  - Museum Talk - Historic talk by Paul Storm
- Walking Tour Around the Historic Village of Rockley
  - Bathurst Railway Precinct & Neighbouring Milltown
    - Heritage High Tea Easter Sunday Afternoon

### APRIL

- Kids' Night Tour of Abercrombie House
  - Abercrombie House Behind-The-Scenes Night Tour
- Walking Tour Around the Historic Village of Rockley
- In and Around All Saints' Anglican Cathedral - Centre of the Bathurst Town Square
- Heritage High Tea Sunday Afternoon
  - Historic Talk - The Bathurst Sportsground
    - Cemetery Wander
- Heritage High Tea Sunday Afternoon

### APRIL

- Monthly Muster - The Lure of the Bald Hills
- Treasures of the Goldfields
- Guided Tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre
  - Carillon Tour
- Crime and Punishment
  - Heritage Week
- Heritage High Tea Sunday Afternoon
  - Carillon Tour

### MAY

- Bathurst Motoring Heritage
  - Carillon Tour
  - Carillon Tour
  - Proclamation Day
- Guided Tour of Perthville Convent Heritage Centre
  - Crime and Punishment
    - Cemetery Wander
- Mother's Day Heritage High Tea
  - Monthly Muster - Armchair Ghost Tours
- Treasures of the Goldfields
  - Cathedral Tour

## Welcome from The Mayor

Autumn is a very special time in the Bathurst region when residents and visitors alike enjoy the explosion of colour that accompanies the changing of the season. Indulge your senses this autumn and sample the very best the region has to offer. Autumn is also traditionally the time when the Bathurst region focuses upon its rich and fascinating past, with many of the region's historic sights brought to life in the Autumn Colours Heritage Festival through a series of tours and activities. These provide a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and discover the moments, events and characters that make up the story of Bathurst.



Bathurst has played a major role in the history of Australia and the city and surrounding villages are rich with amazing stories. The heritage activities connect us to this history and remind us of the importance of knowing and celebrating our own past.

This year's program offers a wonderful range of tours and guided activities, with opportunities to explore many of the secret or lesser known elements of Bathurst's past including Bathurst's motoring heritage, tours of St Joseph's Convent & Heritage Centre at Perthville, walking tours of Rockley or behind the scenes tours of the Bathurst War Memorial Carillon and Bathurst Courthouse! And of course the Festival includes the return of the award – winning Heritage Trades Trail on the weekend of 16/17 March, an extraordinary celebration of rare trades and craftsmanship held at the iconic Bathurst Showground, and with the annual Heritage Week and with Proclamation Day on 5 May.

I encourage everyone to celebrate the autumn season and to take every opportunity to enjoy the produce, the beauty, the events and the proud traditions of the Bathurst region.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jess Jennings'.

**Dr Jess Jennings**  
**MAYOR OF BATHURST**

## GUIDED TOUR OF PERTHVILLE CONVENT HERITAGE CENTRE

Date: Thursday 14 March  
Time: 11am - 12.30pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Perthville Convent Heritage Centre,  
Tenison Woods Avenue, Perthville  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000



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HERITAGE TRADES TRAIL

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16-17 MARCH 2024

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## **BATHURST HERITAGE TRADES TRAIL**

Date: Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 March  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Cost: \$20 per person online; \$25 at the gate  
Location: Bathurst Showground  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Bathurst will celebrate over 200 years of its rich history, paying homage to the trades and traditions that have helped shape the region, at the award winning Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail at the historic Bathurst Showground.

Rediscover rare and lost trades and crafts with traditional indigenous tool-making, blacksmithing, saddlery, dry stone walling, whip cracking and making, lace making, carpentry and joinery, instrument makers including violins and ukeleles, local beeswax candles and honey, soap making, buttons, bodgers and fletchers, Cobb & Co coach rides, antique cycles, vehicles and tools on display, plants, spinners, weavers and coloured sheep among many unique talents to be demonstrated by local and guest artisans.

The Bathurst District Historical Society will have a display of photographs of heritage trades in Bathurst from the late 1800's to early 1900.

A free hop-on hop-off shuttle bus will be available to visit a number of Bathurst's finest heritage attractions over the weekend, with discounted entry available to all Heritage Trades Trail ticket holders.

## **MY BLOCK**

Date: Sunday 17 March  
Time: 10am - 12pm  
Cost: \$10 per person - payable on the day & bookings essential  
Location: Meet outside The Victoria Bathurst, 3 Keppel Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre 1800 68 1000

Ever wondered who lived and worked in your block? This year we explore the block bounded by Keppel, Seymour, Russell and Havannah Streets. Join this walking tour for some fascinating insights into the lives, hopes and aspirations of the people who lived and worked there. Who were they? What did they do for a living? Wear a hat and sturdy walking shoes. Bring a bottle of water and a sense of humour!

## **BATHURST DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM - SENIORS WEEK**

Date: Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 March  
Time: 11 am - 2pm  
Cost: Free entry for Seniors  
Location: Bathurst District Historical Society Museum,  
East Wing, Court House Building, 162 Russell Street

To celebrate Seniors Week, the Bathurst District Historical Society will offer free admission for Seniors to the Museum. Explore the museum to discover some of the many treasures from the past. A display of objects will be available to 'touch' and work out what they were used for.

## **MONTHLY MUSTER – BANKS OF BATHURST**

Date: Thursday 21 March  
Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Cost: Gold coin donation - payable on the day - bookings essential  
Location: Uniting Church Activities Hall, 140A William Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Alan McRae will give a talk on "Bathurst's own bank and Colonial Banks in Bathurst." Few people are aware that Bathurst had its own town bank called the Bathurst Bank, established in 1835. Later private colonial banks were established with Bathurst having some of the earliest branches, which saw trial designs for banknotes to be issued with 'Bathurst' named on them to stop raids by bushrangers. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

## **MUSEUM TALK – HISTORIC TALK BY PAUL STORM**

Date: Friday 22 March  
Time: 2:30pm  
Cost: Gold coin donation - payable on the day - bookings essential  
Location: Bathurst District Historical Society Museum,  
East Wing, Court House Building, 162 Russell Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Seniors Week Historic Talk titled 'Australiana in the Applied Arts – a trip down memory lane!' by Paul Storm from Sydney. A fascinating Australiana talk and trip down memory lane for Seniors Week. The talk includes everyday items that were often decorated with Australian themes from your school ruler and bottle opener to your oven door and the plasterwork in the ceiling over your head. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the talk.

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

Date: Saturday 23 March  
Time: 1.30pm - 5pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at Stevens Park, opposite the Rockley Pub,  
Budden Street, Rockley  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Officially gazetted in 1851, Rockley is listed by the National Trust as an Historic Village. This guided walking tour commences with a short talk in Stevens Park followed by a gentle stroll around the village. It includes visits into John Job Copeman's first architectural commission, the School of Arts Hall built in 1890, and into two Edward Gell churches built in 1867 and 1869. The tour concludes with light refreshments at the Rockley Mill and Stables Museum, formerly a steam operated Flour Mill opened in 1862, after which you can view the three storey Museum at leisure. Bring a hat, water and walking shoes. Bookings to be made by 5pm, 20 March.

## **BATHURST RAILWAY PRECINCT AND NEIGHBOURING MILLTOWN**

Date: Sunday 24 March  
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Cost: \$10 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at Bathurst Railway Station  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

From the time the railway arrived in Bathurst in April 1876, the nearby streets became home to railway workers and a thriving hub with the railway depot and goods yards, flour mills and pubs catering to the needs of workers and people arriving by train. There were all types of businesses including shops and barbers to cater for the people who lived and worked in the area known as Milltown.

## **HERITAGE HIGH TEA EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Date: Sunday 31 March  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$55; Concession \$50; Child 14yrs & under \$40  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This popular High Tea includes scrumptious savoury and sweet treats. 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.

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

Date: Wednesday 3 April  
Time: 6.30pm - 7.45pm  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre 1800 68 1000

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

## **ABERCROMBIE HOUSE BEHIND-THE-SCENES NIGHT TOUR**

Date: Friday 5 April  
Time: 7pm - 8pm  
Cost: Adult \$25; Concession \$20; Child 14yrs & under \$15  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This is a special limited-edition behind-the-scenes night tour of Abercrombie House. Explore newly restored, rarely seen and private areas of the house on this guided tour. Hot chocolate will be served at the conclusion of the tour.

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

Date: Saturday 6 April  
Time: 9.30am - 12pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Stevens Park, opposite the Rockley Pub, Budden Street, Rockley  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

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## **IN AND AROUND ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL - CENTRE OF THE BATHURST TOWN SQUARE**

Date: Sunday 7 April  
Time: 2pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: \$10 per person  
Location: Meet at All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Church Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Explore the design and history of the Cathedral and its associated buildings and places. Visit the State significant historic peal of bells. See the John Coburn wall hanging, the Warrior's Chapel, William Montgomery's stained glass windows and the historic Blackett font and cover. Hear fascinating stories about surprising events, famous people and many iconic artefacts. Proceeds to the Bathurst District Historical Society.

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**FREE FAMILY EVENTS**  
**LAST POST CEREMONY**  
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**& CELEBRATION**

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## **HISTORY TALK: THE BATHURST SPORTSGROUND**

Date: Tuesday 9 April  
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm  
Cost: Free - bookings essential  
Location: Bathurst Library, 70 -78 Keppel Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Library, 6333 6281

Join Mark Windsor for a presentation on the development of this historic landmark and how its sporting events provide an insight into the character and spirit of Bathurst. Celebrate 100 years of the old Grandstand in the lead up to the NSW Heritage Festival. Mark is Chair of the Cycling NSW Heritage Commission.

## **CEMETERY WANDER**

Date: Saturday 13 April  
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: \$15 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at Bathurst Cemetery, Dean Street entrance  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Join members of the Bathurst Family History Group in a wander around a section of Bathurst General Cemetery. Hear fascinating stories of tragic accidents, prominent people, soldiers, photographers, a Machattie Park head gardener, a gaoler and a builder. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea supplied by the Group. Bring a hat, water and sunscreen. Please wear sturdy walking shoes.

## **HERITAGE HIGH TEA SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Date: Sunday 14 April  
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## MONTHLY MUSTER – THE LURE OF THE BALD HILLS

Date: Thursday 18 April  
Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Cost: Gold coin donation - payable on the day - bookings essential  
Location: Uniting Church Activities Hall, 140A William Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Jan Page will give a talk based on a poem "Views from the Bald Hills", published in the Bathurst Times in November 1912. The poem captures the fascination for Bathurst's dominant south-west backdrop once known as the Bald Hills and now known as Mount Panorama/Wahluu. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

## TREASURES OF THE GOLDFIELDS

Date: Saturday 20 April  
Time: 8.30am - depart from McDonald's rear carpark, Elizabeth Street  
Cost: \$50 BDHS members; \$55 non-members  
Location: Sofala & Hill End  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

On this bus tour, enjoy a journey to the villages of Sofala and Hill End to learn about the treasures of the goldfields. An approximately 40 minute drive from Bathurst to Sofala, enjoy a morning tea on the banks of the Turon River followed by a visit to the Western Goldfields Museum at Sofala. Travelling along to Hill End for a visit to the History Hill Museum. A lunch stop will be at the historical village of Hill End. This will be at your own expense at Hill End, with options of meals at the Royal Hotel, snacks at the General Store or take your own picnic. After lunch, enjoy a stroll around the town and visit the Hill End Heritage Centre before boarding the bus for home. Wear comfortable shoes.



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Location: Perthville Convent Heritage Centre,  
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## CARILLON TOUR

Date: Saturday 27 April  
Time: 12.15pm & 1.45pm  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at the front of Bathurst War Memorial Carillon - Russell Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

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.

## **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

Date: Saturday 27 April  
Time: 2pm - 4pm  
Cost: \$10 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Bathurst District Historical Museum, Eastwing, Bathurst Courthouse,  
162 Russell Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

The Bathurst Courthouse is one of the most photographed buildings in Bathurst but what is the history of the courthouses and gaols since white settlement? Meet at the Bathurst District Historical Museum to hear some of the stories of those that designed the buildings and how justice was meted out. You will then be taken on a guided tour of the Courthouse before returning to the Museum for a light afternoon tea and a wander through the Museum.

## **HERITAGE WEEK**

Date: Saturday 27 April - Sunday 5 May

Immerse yourself in the rich and often surprising stories of the Bathurst region with a varied series of activities. Heritage Week is the culmination of the Autumn Colours program, celebrating the characters, places and events that have combined to form the story of the Bathurst region. Join a heritage tour or take one of the many self-guided heritage walks around town, visit a museum or historic house and celebrate Proclamation Day on Sunday 5 May.

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

## **HERITAGE HIGH TEA SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Date: Sunday 28 April  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$55; Concession \$50; Child 14yrs & under \$40  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
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## **BATHURST MOTORING HERITAGE**

Date: Wednesday 1 May  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: Free - bookings essential  
Location: The Greens on William, 29 William Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This is an audio-visual presentation by car and bike enthusiast Geoff Fry. This presentation embraces the history of motoring in general and motor sport around the Bathurst region and will be held at the historic The Greens on William.

## **CARILLON TOUR**

Date: Thursday 2 May  
Time: 12.15pm  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
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## CARILLON TOUR

Date: Saturday 4 May  
Time: 12.15pm  
Cost: \$20 per person - bookings essential  
Location: Meet at the front of Bathurst War Memorial Carillon - Russell Street  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you! A special Star Wars recital greets tour participants on this tour. Dress as a Wookiee, a Jedi or even Darth Vader himself. (Ensure costume does not impede your ability to climb the stairs.)

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## PROCLAMATION DAY

Date: Sunday 5 May  
Location: Bicentennial Park, Corner William and Stanley Streets  
Contact: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre 1800 68 1000

Proclamation Day acknowledges the shared history of Bathurst, with the Wiradjuri people and wider Bathurst community. The event is held at Bicentennial Park in the exact location Governor Lachlan Macquarie raised the flag marking Bathurst, Australia's first inland European settlement in 1815. The community is invited to explore the rich history of Bathurst, with a self-guided tour of The Delightful Spot Trail.



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## **MOTHER'S DAY HERITAGE HIGH TEA SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Date: Sunday 12 May  
Time: 2.30pm  
Cost: Adult \$55; Concession \$50; Child 14 yrs & under \$40  
- bookings essential  
Location: Abercrombie House, 311 Ophir Road  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

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.

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Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

Get into the 'spirit' of things and hear of some past hauntings of Bathurst (a light hearted look at our darker side) suitable for the young and young hearted alike. All aboard the Spirit of Bathurst Ghost Tour, in the comfort of your chair. Come and listen to the McPhillamy ghost dog story- this hound would be seen when a death was about to occur in the family. (Our own local 'Hound of the Baskervilles'...). A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the presentation.

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## CATHEDRAL TOUR

Date: Sunday 19 May  
Time: 2.30pm - 4pm  
Cost: Free - bookings essential  
Location: Corner William and Keppel Streets  
Bookings: Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 1800 68 1000

This is a rare opportunity to see some of the hidden treasures of St Michael & St John's Cathedral. This guided tour will explain some of the significant architectural features, including the recently completed renovations, and explore the rich history of the faith that built this place of worship over the past 160+ years. Afternoon tea available at the end of the tour.



**BRAG**  
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

## CREATION

**Deborah Kelly & collaborators**

**24 February - 21 April 2024**

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GRAHAM LUPP

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