

MUSEUMS BATHURST

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Visit some of the best museums in regional Australia. Bathurst, New South Wales, is a city full of museums, collections and historic buildings of national, state and local significance.

Museums Bathurst is a diverse group of world class Museums, each offering very different experiences, which will quench the thirst of any of any enthusiast of natural history, social history, motor racing, historic homes or rail.

The unique collection of museums includes: the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum, the Bathurst Rail Museum and the National Motor Racing Museum.

Located 207km west of Sydney and 251km from Canberra, Bathurst is also within easy reach of many NSW destinations.

Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum

Explore the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum – be mesmerised by the Somerville Collection of fossils and minerals housed in the historic 1876 original Bathurst Public School building.

See the natural history at its most stunning through the internationally renowned Somerville Collection, the lifetime work of Warren Somerville AM, which is one of the most spectacular collections of its kind in the world. It features some of the finest and rarest examples of minerals crystals and fossils and has quite literally been billions of years in the making.

A Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton looms over the Fossil Gallery as you discover examples of the stages of life on Earth. It includes a large collection of fossils in amber and unique Australian opalised fossils.

The Chapman Collection of minerals, on loan from the Australian Museum, is displayed alongside the Somerville Collection and combined they are the largest museum display of minerals in Australia. The diversity of specimens from world-wide deposits are of exceptional crystal perfection and are historically significant and irreplaceable heritage items.

Address

224 Howick Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

Open

9am – 4.30pm 6 days per week. Closed Wednesday

Features

The Museums is located in the CBD. Coach parking is available in Church and Russell Streets – short walking distance to the Museum. Gift Shop.

National Motor Racing Museum

At the foot of Mount Panorama, the spiritual home of Australian motor racing, the National Motor Racing Museum has an address the envy of motor sports Australia wide. Celebrate the rich history of Australian Motor Sport with a particular focus on Bathurst and Mount Panorama.

Get up close to an ever-changing line-up of more than 100 nationally significant racing cars and motorbikes. See dominant machines that ran in Australian touring car, open wheeler, rally, motorcycle and speedway races.

Experience the excitement of the Immersive Room which gives visitors a taste of the speed, sound of racing at Mount Panorama.

Take in one of the ever-changing exhibitions of legendary vehicles, memorable personalities and unforgettable moments in Australian racing.

Address

400 Panorama Avenue, Mount Panorama NSW 2795

Open

9am – 4.30pm 6 days per week. Closed Tuesday

Features

Coach parking. Ample unrestricted car parking in front of the Museum. Gift Shop.

Bathurst Rail Museum

Discover the Bathurst Rail Museum, a new museum which brings the rich social history of Bathurst as a railway town to life. Be fascinated by a model rail layout the size of a tennis court, the largest on display in Australia, and have fun in the children's gallery with the world's largest permanent Brio set.

The Bathurst Rail Museum explores the personal stories of local people connected to the Railways, past and present, who have contributed to making Bathurst the thriving city and community it is today.

The museum is housed in the historic Railway Institute building. It was the place to be for rail employees and families to enjoy social gatherings, celebrations, and attend vocational education courses.

The completion of the railway between Sydney and Bathurst in 1876 was instrumental to the development of the colony of New South Wales. The Main Western Line was celebrated as a marvel of engineering that opened up trade, transport and communication opportunities for people living inland. The building has been extended to house the museum and scale model from Tarana to Bathurst complete with operating trains.

Address

126 Havannah Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

Open

9am – 4.30pm 6 days per week. Closed Thursday

Features

Unrestricted street parking front of the Museum. Coffee Shop. Gift Shop.

Street Address

BATHURST, New South Wales 2795

Postal Address

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Costs

Admission prices per museum

Adult: \$15 Pre-booked Group of 10 or more: \$13

Concession: \$10 Pre-booked Group of 10 or more: \$8

Child: \$7 (school aged) Pre-booked Group of 10 or more: \$5 self guided, \$7 guided

Family: \$35 (2 adults and children within that family)

Group Bookings and Enquiries

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