

Could your next event be at The Mount?

Whether you're planning a wedding, corporate conference, product launch, or social gathering, Mount Panorama offers a versatile setting to suit your event's needs. The combination of historic significance, modern facilities, and stunning views ensures a memorable experience for all attendees.

There is a range of flexible spaces and settings to suit your requirements, from small intimate gatherings to large functions for thousands of people, we have a room for you!

Amenities and features at Mount Panorama:

- 27 suites to choose from, all with air conditioning and racetrack-facing balconies
- Full commercial kitchen on-site
- Easy and accessible with plenty of on-site parking
- Safe and secure
- Staff on-site to assist with all planning and coordination
- Multiple office spaces for workshops and team building days
- Unique event spaces beyond corporate suites (maybe the rooftop could be the spot for your next function!)

If you're seeking to use Mount Panorama as the destination for your upcoming event, please contact Council on 6333 6111.



Delivery Plan & Operational Plan 2025 - 2026

Bathurst Regional Council's vision is to create a thriving region where history, culture, and nature are valued, diversity is celebrated, and economic growth is balanced with sustainability. Our 2025-2026 Delivery Program and Operational Plan includes a capital works program spend of \$32million. These funds will go towards asset restoration and refurbishment across the LGA, including but not limited to continuing Council's timber bridge replacement program across the region, upgrading the safety and usability of Bathurst's roads, construction of new footpaths as guided by the Bathurst Strategic Access Plan and conducting major upgrades to two of Council's drinking water reservoirs. The 2025-2026 Operational Plan reflects Council's ongoing commitment to delivering essential services while navigating a financially challenging position with care, focus, sustainability and long-term responsibility.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



A lot has been happening across the region over the past few months. We had an exceptional crowd at Carrington Park for the 2025 NRL match in late May. With 12,000 tickets sold, this year marked our second consecutive year with a sold-out stadium. In fact, from our ticket sales we know that over 70% of attendees were fans from outside our 2795 postcode. This is a terrific result for our region and the local economy. That same month, we also marked 10 years of the Bathurst Writers' & Readers' Festival, celebrating a decade of storytelling, big ideas, and unforgettable conversations.

This festival is a much-loved event on our cultural calendar and a true celebration of culture, creativity and community in the Central West. Over the past ten years, it has brought first-rate literary experiences to Bathurst while championing our local authors and stories.

Additionally, following a search that General Manager David Sherley instigated in April, I am pleased to share that Council appointed Peter Smith, a specialist in local government finance, as Interim Director Corporate Services and Finance in Mid-June. This interim appointment is to help Council in the pursuit of financial sustainability whilst recruitment for a permanent appointment gets underway. We welcome the opportunity to integrate Peter into our operational team here at Council.

Robert Taylor
Mayor of Bathurst



Pre-development Meetings

Bathurst Regional Council is making it easier to navigate the development application (DA) process with greater confidence and reduced risk. The initiative focuses on lifting the visibility and accessibility of these early advisory sessions, which connect applicants with Council's planning, engineering and environmental teams before lodging a formal application.

Updates to the service will include an online booking request form, better digital promotion, a clearer name and purpose, and a reviewed fee structure that balances access with sustainability.

What's On at BRAG

Landscapes of Imagination: From the Collection

5 July – 9 November 2025

This exhibition brings together works from Bathurst Regional Art Gallery's Collection that reflect the enduring artistic allure of Hill End. For over seventy years, this historic village has captured the imaginations of artists drawn to its layered histories, dramatic terrain, and evocative sense of place.



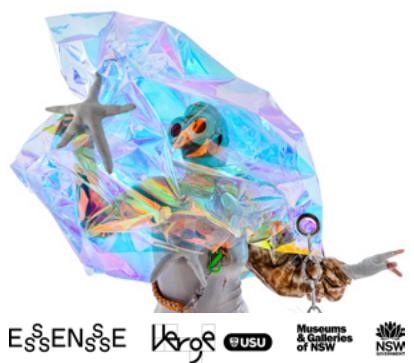
Image: Rosemary Valadon, *Jean Bellette's Bed*, 2004, oil on canvas, 152 x 122 cm.
Collection Bathurst Regional Art Gallery.

ESSENSSSE

5 July – 7 September 2025

ESSENSSSE is an aquatic ecosystem that explores the tenacity of the human spirit, stripping away physical human qualities and revealing what's underneath. ESSSENSSSE follows artist HOSSEI's exploration of creating costumes that 'heal'. Featuring a cast of 16 other-worldly sea creatures, ESSSENSSSE transitions from a series of dynamic and joyful performances into a sensory, large-scale installation, in which visitors are surrounded by a playful, 100% tactile landscape.

Image: HOSSEI, *ESSENSSSE*, 2023.
Performer Lauren Booker. Dimensions variable.
Photography by Jacquie Manning.



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Staying Safe in Icy Road Conditions

With winter well and truly underway, it's important to remember that in this cold weather, road conditions can change quickly. Driving on icy roads can be challenging, even for experienced drivers. To monitor road conditions and stay safe, always remain alert on the road, particularly in shaded areas or when there are no streetlights. Be sure to drive with your headlights on and be prepared to reduce your speed in line with the weather conditions.

If you are to hit ice on the road, travelling at a reduced speed will help you to maintain control of the vehicle and reduce the force of an impact if there is a collision.

Is Your Wood Heater Smoking Out Your Neighbour?

Smoke from our wood heaters isn't just a nuisance - it can seriously affect our health, especially for those with respiratory or heart conditions, children and older adults. Fortunately, small changes in how we use our wood heaters can make a big difference

Here are some tips for safe usage:

- ▶ Use a compliant heater (check for the code: AS/NZS 4013:2014).
- ▶ Burn only dry, aged wood - wet wood creates more smoke.
- ▶ Store wood properly, off the ground, and under cover.
- ▶ Never burn treated or painted wood, driftwood, or rubbish - these release harmful toxins.
- ▶ Light fires with dry kindling and stack logs loosely.
- ▶ Keep the flame bright - a smoky heater means it's not burning efficiently.
- ▶ Avoid overnight smouldering.
- ▶ Clean chimneys yearly and adjust the air supply if you see too much smoke.

Let's all do our bit to keep winter warm, and breathable!

Leave Litter in The Past

Council has ramped up its anti-littering campaign and is encouraging residents to take responsibility for their rubbish and register with the NSW EPA to report witnessed littering.

The Report to EPA service is part of a comprehensive NSW Government anti-littering program. It aims to deter people from littering, especially from vehicles, by increasing the likelihood of being reported and fined, with fines ranging from \$500 to \$1000 for littering from a vehicle. Roadside rubbish is the simplest mess to knock on the head, so when you spot someone tossing trash out of their vehicle, dob them in and keep Bathurst tidy.

Council encourages everyone to get on board by going to the NSW EPA website and registering to report littering from vehicles:

<https://reportlitter.epa.nsw.gov.au/reportToEPA/s/>





Bathurst Library's Programs Team Leader, Victoria Murray, exploring the new Mini Beasts Spark! Discovery Box.

Discover Spark! STEM kits at Bathurst Library

Bathurst Library has launched Spark! Discovery Boxes, hands-on STEM kits designed for young explorers and curious minds of all ages. Each box is packed with high-quality, age-appropriate scientific equipment and easy-to-follow guides, making learning fun and interactive.

THEMES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Precision Microscope
- ▶ Sound & Music
- ▶ Telescope
- ▶ Space Technologies
- ▶ Mini Beasts (bugs)
- ▶ Magnetism

Why Borrow a Spark! Box?

- ✓ Engage in hands-on scientific exploration
- ✓ Enhance family learning experiences
- ✓ Access quality scientific resources

For more information, visit our team on Keppel St, or go to library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Wayfinding Signs

Council has recently introduced upgraded wayfinding signs to the CBD, each embellished with a piece of Bathurst's history. The new signage directs residents and tourists around the Town Square and beyond. As users explore what Bathurst has to offer, they can identify key heritage sites, navigate to museums and public facilities, and find shopping areas. The history on the signs will educate readers along their journey through the CBD, revealing the human stories underneath the built environment.



SLOW DOWN When Bus Lights Flash

Every school day, flashing lights on buses indicate that children are nearby. These lights aren't just for show; they're a critical safety cue for all motorists. When you see them, you must slow down to 40km/h, unless a lower limit applies. That small reduction in speed could make all the difference.

Children are unpredictable, especially around roads and vehicles. By slowing down, staying alert and being ready to stop, you help protect their lives.

Here's how you can do your part:

- ▶ Always obey speed limits, especially in school zones and near bus stops.
- ▶ Watch out for children crossing the road at all times.
- ▶ Give way to buses as they merge back into traffic.
- ▶ And most importantly, slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash.

Families play a vital role too. Whether you're walking your child to the bus stop, or meeting them afterward, always use the same side of the road and avoid calling them across. Supervision is key until they're at least 10 years old.

Help them build safe habits with four simple steps: Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time they cross the road.

Let's work together to ensure bus travel is safe for all children.



Museums Bathurst Memberships

Museums Bathurst has made their annual memberships even better!

Those who are members of one, or all, of our museums already know that they can visit their favourite museum as often as they like, but now there are even more benefits.

All members are now automatically entered into a quarterly draw for a **\$200 Buy Local Gift Card** and can take advantage of discounts and other perks with **MuseumMates** - our new program partnering with local businesses.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. A year of free, unlimited general entry to either one, two or all four of the Museums Bathurst museums.
2. A Welcome Pack including discounts at our **MuseumMates** partners and a fridge magnet
3. 10% discount on retail (excluding café)
4. 10% discount on admission for friends and family visiting with you
5. Automatic entry into our quarterly draw for a **\$200 Buy Local Gift Card**
6. Access to discounts and offers as they become available
7. 10% discount on renewal of membership
8. A subscription to our quarterly e-news

To join, head into any of our museums:

- ▶ Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum - 224 Howick St
- ▶ Bathurst Rail Museum - 126 Havannah St
- ▶ Chifley Home and Education Centre - 10-12 Busby St
- ▶ National Motor Racing Museum - 400 Panorama Avenue

Unearthed - Critical Minerals and the Energy Transition | Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum

What are critical minerals? How are they critical? And how do we use them in everyday life?

Everything we use each day relies on minerals which are either grown, mined or recycled. This one-of-a-kind exhibition at the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum explores the uses of critical minerals and how vital they are to our modern world to power our homes, vehicles and technologies. The exhibition uses LEGO, real mineral specimens, and other techniques to translate difficult concepts into an engaging, family-friendly exhibition.

Exhibition entry is included in general admission to the museum.

The Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum is open 9am-4.30pm 6 days a week, closed on Wednesdays, and is located at 224 Howick Street, Bathurst (next to the Post Office).



WHAT'S ON

2025 Bathurst Careers Expo

30 July 2025

Local Government Week

4 – 10 August 2025

Bathurst Beatlesfest

22 - 24 August 2025

Repco Bathurst 1000

9 – 12 October 2025

Challenge Bathurst

20 – 23 November 2025



SAVE THE DATE
2026 TOYO TOUR
FRIDAY 27/2/2026 TO MONDAY 2/3/2026

Bathurst Host Families

needed to create an

Amazing Bathurst Experience

for 124 visiting Students



Did you capture your memorable moments from the 2025 Toyo Tour? We would love to see your images...
Email: visitors@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

1800 681 000 www.bathurstregion.com.au **REGISTER NOW**

Want to get in touch with Council?

Do you have an idea, or feedback you want to share with us? As we work forward on our pathway to sustainability, Council encourages your suggestions to ensure we are meeting the needs of our community. You can reach out via the [Contact Us](#) form on our website, drop us an email at council@bathurst.nsw.gov.au, chat to one of our elected representatives via their details on the right, or keep an eye on [YourSay](#) Bathurst where we often seek feedback on specific projects and activities.

For more information on upcoming events and Council activities, subscribe to our monthly eNewsletter:

<https://tinyurl.com/jkxt239a>

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