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A buzz at Bonegilla



There's a buzz at Bonegilla, and it's not just because spring is nearly here!

Excitement is brewing with the announcement of the dates for the Bonegilla 70th Anniversary Celebration.

This huge celebration will kick off on Monday, November 13, and include a pop up café, pop-up museum, cultural performances, dinners and guided tours.

Former residents and their families are invited to **purchase a plaque** now to be mounted onto our memorial sculpture, The Arc (previously known as the Tribute Wall) in time for the celebrations.

The celebrations will end on Saturday, November 18, with an activity-filled family fun day. This will be a fantastic opportunity to step back in time into Block 19 and enjoy the experience of Bonegilla!

Bonegilla Migrant Experience wins coveted awards

A huge congratulations to our volunteers for taking out the coveted Wodonga Volunteer Awards recently!

**WODONGA
VOLUNTEER**

Wodonga Mayor Cr Anna Speedie said volunteers contributed an invaluable amount of their time and energy to the success of the site.

"Our volunteers often make a very favourable first impression when visitors first arrive in Wodonga, for example at Bonegilla Migrant Experience," said Cr Speedie.

There are many volunteering opportunities that play a crucial role in day-to-day operations and the preservation of the site. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, please phone Tarryn at Wodonga Council on (02) 6022 9300.

OF THE YEAR
AWARDS



Bonegilla wins certificate of excellence

Bonegilla Migrant Experience is excited to announce that we have been awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence!

TripAdvisor gives certificates of excellence to accommodations, attractions and restaurants that consistently earn great reviews from travellers. We strive to make our visitors' experience something special, and this proves our hard work is paying off.



A big thank you to all those who have been out to visit and left a review!

Remedial works protect historic site

Works are still underway as part of the Bonegilla Migrant experience Remedial Project. These works are due for completion towards the end of August.

The works – supported through funding from the Australian Government's Protecting National Historic Sites Program – have included electrical upgrades, re-stumping, improving drainage and general maintenance. We look forward to opening these refurbished buildings for the public to enjoy.



Looking for someone?

Did you or a family member come through Bonegilla Reception and Training Centre? If so, the National Archives of Australia may be able to find your Bonegilla ID card. The card will provide information on the dates you arrived and left, where you went to, the ship you came on, the block you lived in, and more. Our [website](#) provides details on how to request your ID card as well as a list of external sources that may help find the person you're looking for.



NEW: Access to Lutheran Archives now on our website!

Upcoming events



Sunday, September 3: Father's Day Sunday Roast – discover Wodonga's only national heritage-listed site with a guided tour where you will experience stories of early European migrants. Then find your place on a communal dining table, just like the former residents did.
Tickets on sale now.



Saturday, September 23, until Sunday, October 8: If you've always meant to explore Bonegilla Migrant Experience, now's your chance – with loads of opportunities these school holidays to immerse yourself in local history. Guided tours at 11am and 2pm daily.



Saturday, September 23, until Sunday, October 8: Every Object has a Story – what do teddies and teapots have in common with bikes and trikes? Find out by exploring the national heritage-listed site that's right on your back door step. Self-guided tour 10am until 3.30pm.



Wednesday, October 4: Greek Music and Dance Workshop. Explore the heritage behind Bonegilla Migrant Experience by participating in a hands-on workshop (12.30pm to 1.30pm) and guided tour (11am and 2pm daily).



Tuesday, October 10: Investigating the Bonegilla Migrant Experience at 10am with local historian Bruce Pennay whose interests include post-war immigration and host society responses to it.



Monday, November 13 to Sunday, November 17: 70th Anniversary Celebrations including pop-up cafes and family activities. For more details on these events, please visit bonegilla.org.au

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