



December, 2018

The 2018 Bonegilla Reunion

It was wonderful to see so many people come along to the reunion event held on the first weekend of November. The activities offered were popular for pre-bookings as well as on the day with additional guided bus tours added to the program to keep up with demand.

People travelled from throughout Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and NSW with many staying on in the region for a few more days, or travelling through to other areas.

We would like to say a special thank you to the 12 dedicated volunteers who assisted staff to organise and host the event.

The attendance and success of the event will mean the event will continue in 2019 with more workshops, catered events and catch up opportunities to be had.

The follow on event from the reunion is planned for Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, 2019 and will be known as **Discover Bonegilla 2019**.



Bus tour participants exploring the former Bonegilla rail siding where many migrants first arrived on the "red rattlers" from Melbourne dock.



Visitors inside the Tudor Hall at Block 19 which featured an historian talk with Bruce Pennay and author talk with Annette Janic.



Bus tour participants at the former Bonegilla Migrant Reception and Training Centre Theatre which was one of the stop-offs during the tour.

Head to Bonegilla Migrant Experience this summer

We are open from 10am to 4pm each day all year round (except Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac day).

Guided tours will run daily at 11am during the New South Wales and Victorian school holidays from December 27 to January 27, 2019 for the Summer at Bonegilla. Cost: \$11 per adult, school age children \$9. Family \$30.



It really is a great time to pop in on your holiday travels, bring a packed lunch and sit at the picnic tables enjoying the surrounds and passing wildlife.

Tour bookings 2019

We offer guided tours of the original buildings of Block 19 for social groups, schools/education groups and bus companies to name a few. Some groups choose to stay on with a catered morning tea or lunch from the bakers onsite or a picnic.



The length of the tour can be customised to suit your needs, but we suggest one and a half hours on site. In this time one of our tour guides take you through the history of the site, the stories and the original buildings, giving in-depth information and a chance to ask questions as you go.

Stop-off by the quiet room and leave a note of your feelings of the site if you wish, read comments of people that were here or have a little extra time to look back at displays if you wish.

A guided tour of Bonegilla Migrant Experience is a great way to discover and learn more about this nationally significant place.

Bookings are required for group guided tours and can be made by contacting the Bonegilla Migrant Experience staff on (02) 6020 6912 or by emailing bonegilla@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Guided tours cost \$11 per adult and \$9 for children under 16. Minimum fee for groups of 15 or less is \$155.



Mark your calendars now! Bonegilla Migrant Experience will host these key events during 2019:

Bonegilla Migrant Experience National Heritage Site Tours

**Autumn School Holidays - Saturday, April 6 to Sunday, April 29, 2019
(Closed Good Friday and Anzac Day)**

Guided tours at 11am and 2pm daily

Cost: \$11 per adult, school age children \$9. Family \$30.

Australian Heritage Festival Guided Tours and Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Guided tours at 11am and 2pm each day

Take a guided tour of the remaining Block 19 which housed 320,000 people between 1947 and 1971.

On these selected days a light lunch will be on offer from 12.30pm to 1.45pm to enjoy before or after your tour. You can then explore the site further if you wish.

Bookings preferred. Contact the staff at Bonegilla Migrant Experience on (02) 6020 6912 or email bonegilla@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Cost: Adults \$14, children \$11 and family \$40.

Bonegilla Migrant Experience National Heritage Site Tours

Winter School Holidays - Saturday, June 29 to Sunday, July 21, 2019

Guided tours at 11am daily

Spring School Holidays - Saturday, September 21 to Sunday, October 13, 2019

Guided tours at 11am and 2pm daily

Summer School Holidays - Thursday, December 26, 2019 to Sunday, January 26, 2020

Guided tours at 11am daily

Cost*: \$11 per adult, school age children \$9. Family \$30

**Prices subject to change from July 1, 2019*

Me and Bonegilla

Late October 2019

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up-to-date or check our [website](#) closer to the date for full details.



Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, 2019

Save the date! An annual back to Bonegilla Migrant Camp gathering and an opportunity to discover the site for those first time visitors. Tours, workshops, talks, displays and exhibitions. A full program will be published in the lead-up to the event.

The Bicycle Baker workshops

Also, stay tuned for some workshops in 2019 from our onsite micro-bakery, The Bicycle Baker. The workshops will provide an opportunity for owner and operators Nicky Bruce and Tim Alexander to share their sourdough story, bread-baking skills and beautiful sourdough delights.

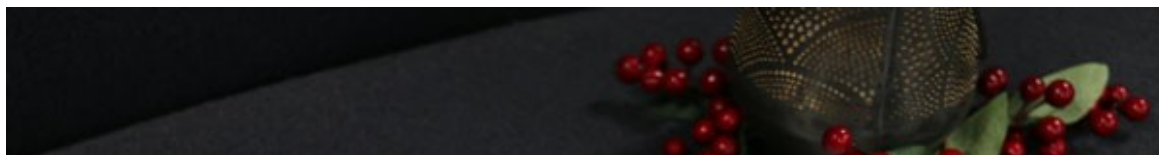


Solar panels



As part of our commitment to creating a sustainable site and to minimise our impact on the environment, Bonegilla Migrant Experience recently installed a 10 kilowatt solar system on the roof of the Welcome Centre. The solar panels are not visible as you enter the site, and will play an important role in minimising our carbon footprint.

Merchandise available for purchase





Good news! *Picturing and Re-picturing Bonegilla* by Bruce Pennay is back in stock in limited quantities. This book quickly sold out after the first print run and we have worked through to send books to our wait list and now have remaining stock on offer in the Welcome Centre for \$35.

If you are looking for a special gift or a stocking filler, take a look at some of the options we have in the Welcome Centre. There is also a small amount of **Bonegilla Reunion 2018** items still on offer.

For any of the above items feel free to pop-in to the Welcome Centre or give us a call on (02) 6020 6912 and we can organise to get your items posted to you straight away.

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We regularly share news and happenings so **follow us** to keep up-to-date.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bonegilla Migrant Experience soon.



We'd love to hear your feedback

Have you recently visited us at Bonegilla Migrant Experience?

We would love to hear your feedback. **Click here to complete the online survey.**

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