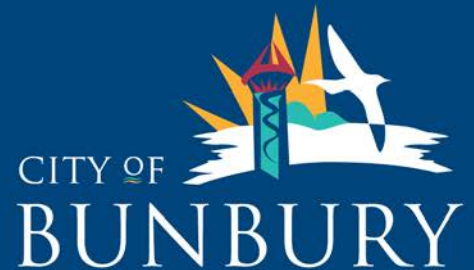


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Doors to soon open at Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre

The highly-anticipated opening of the Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre is less than two weeks away.

Exhibition fitout has been completed and the finishing touches are underway on the museum which features state-of-the art technology as well as artefacts from Bunbury's rich history.

Interactive displays, touch-screens, static information displays and various historical objects tell the unique stories of how Bunbury became the City it is today.

The museum is located in the state heritage-listed Paisley Centre formerly the 1886 Bunbury Boys School. The building was restored with assistance from Lotterywest as part of the museum development. In the past the building was also a theatre, restaurant and dance school. This story is told in an interactive display housed in the museum.

Hundreds of objects and images have been sourced for display when doors open to the community on November 3. Collection themes include natural environment, indigenous communities, early settlers, business and industry and migration.

The Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre will not only house objects of historical significance it will manage the Bunbury Local Studies Collection. The collection was established about 30 years ago to safeguard Bunbury's documentary history with an emphasis on Council records.

Other features of the museum include items from the City of Bunbury Art Collection and a former classroom. Built in 1914 this room has been preserved to represent an early 20th century school room. It also offers the best of old and new resources with the inclusion of projection facilities, Wi-Fi and computers for the public to utilise for research, training and presentations.

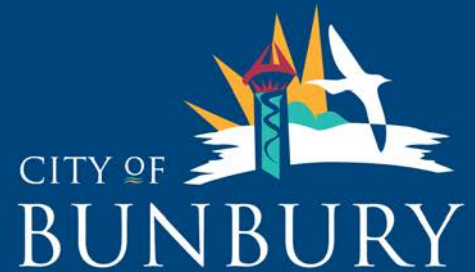
Regular events will be held at the museum including Saturday Storyteller held on the second Saturday of each month which will feature a quirky story from Bunbury's past. Each Tuesday morning the community is invited to Meet the Curator as the museum team expands on the stories told at the museum.

Deputy Mayor Brendan Kelly said the museum was a long-time coming and like the community he was excited for the doors to open.

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“A lot of hard work has been poured into this significant project requiring a lot of patience which tells the important story of how Bunbury came about,” Mr Kelly said.

“These stories are the backbone of this amazing place we call home and I urge the community to visit once it is up and running.

“The Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre would not have been made possible without the generous support from community members and local businesses.”

For more information phone the museum on 9792 7286.

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