



BREAKWATER BATTERY MUSEUM

Step into our region's military past at the Breakwater Battery Museum, which was set up in 1988. The building itself overlooks Port Kembla harbour and dates from 1939 when it was used as a headquarters and command post for the Breakwater Battery fort complex during World War II. One of the museum's must-sees is an Owen Gun. The revolutionary submachine gun was developed by Wollongong resident Evelyn Owen and was manufactured locally during World War II.

Opening Times: 2nd Sunday of each month, 11am-3pm
Entry: Adults \$3 | Pensioners & Children (under 15) \$1
 Family Pass \$5
Phone: (02) 4274 4119 **Location:** Foreshore Road, Port Kembla
 f Breakwater Battery Museum

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ILLAWARRA LIGHT RAILWAY MUSEUM

See narrow gauge steam and diesel locomotives, rolling stock and a range of items from Australia's industrial railways - including the sugar cane, coal mining, and blue metal industries and other tramways at this popular museum. Plus, kids will love the miniature and steam train rides through the picnic grounds. The grounds include wood-fired barbecues and children's play areas. Parking is available inside the museum grounds.

Opening Times: 2nd Sunday of each month, 11am-4pm.
Entry: Train rides from \$5 (check the website for more details)
 Please note that covered footwear must be worn on train rides.
Phone: (02) 4256 4627
Location: 48a Tongarra Road, Albion Park Rail
 www.ilrms.com.au
 f Illawarra Light Railway Museum

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LOST WOLLONGONG

Lost Wollongong is an online resource which showcases the Illawarra's history, museums and heritage events. If you'd like to learn more about our region's amazing history simply visit our Facebook page. Here you can check out our collection of about **20,000 photos** of the Illawarra through the years, and share your memories with other members.

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THE AUSTRALIAN MOTORLIFE MUSEUM

Explore motoring history through the Museum's wide range of vehicles and memorabilia. The growing collection includes thousands of antique items, including some loaned out for the production and filming of Baz Luhrmann's *The Great Gatsby* in Sydney. The museum, established in 1992, is within the Integral Energy Recreation Park at Kembla Grange, which features a huge picnic area, extensive children's playground and barbecues.

Opening Times: Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30am-4:30pm
Entry: Adult \$15 | Concession \$10 | NRMA Members \$9
 Children (6-16) \$5
Phone: (02) 4261 4100 **Email:** motorlife1@bigpond.com.au
Location: Integral Energy Recreation Park, Darkes Road, Wollongong
 www.motorlifemuseum.com.au
 f The Australian Motorlife Museum

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BALGOWNIE HERITAGE SCHOOL MUSEUM

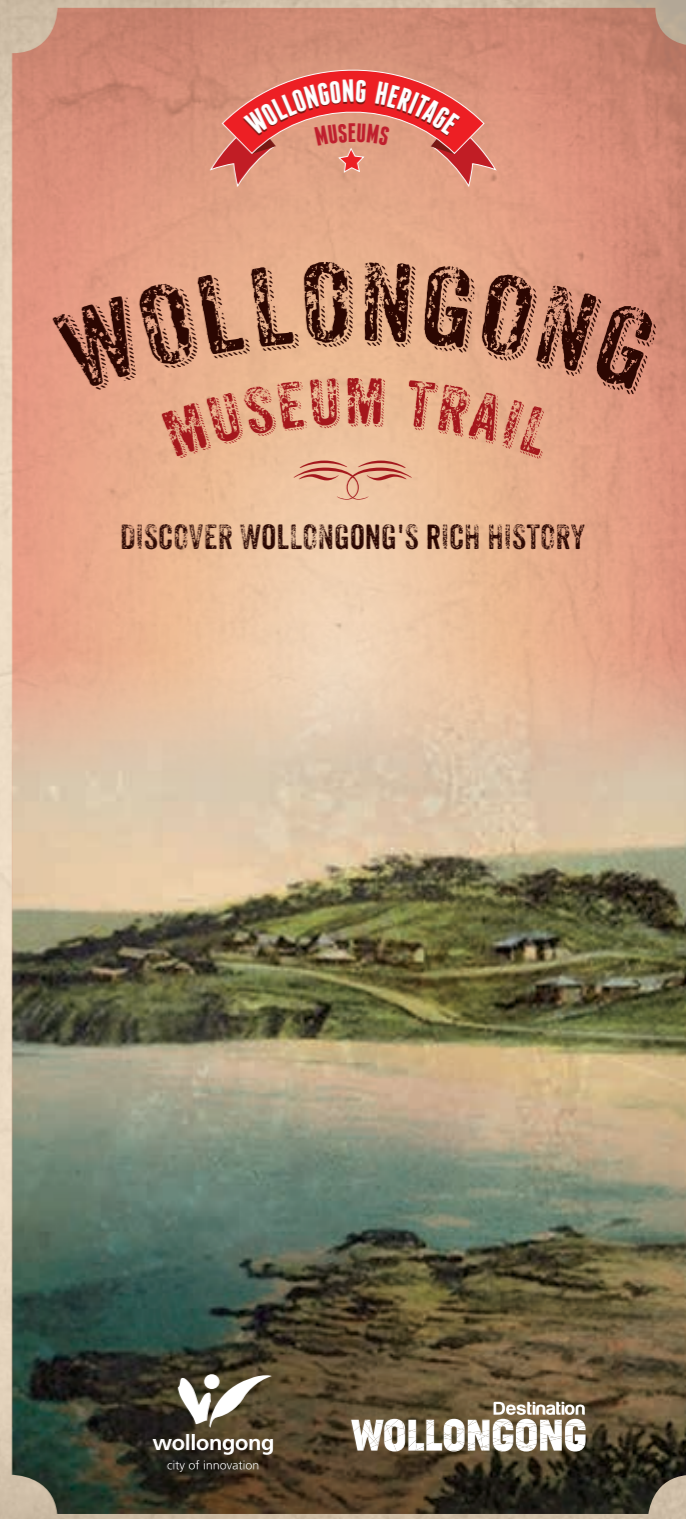
Read stories, letters and samples of pupils' work dating back to 1890 at the Balgownie Primary School Museum. The museum, which opened in 1989, aims to preserve the history of the Balgownie community. There is also a pictorial display of the village and notable families, which gives a glimpse of life in the suburb from the early 1860s-1900s, a model coalface as it would have been, and a photographic display of the Mt Pleasant Coal Mine. Don't miss the display of mining lamps, including one that was used in the rescue following the Mt Kembla Mine Disaster in 1902.

Opening Times: 2nd Sunday of each month 11am-3pm
Entry: Free, donations encouraged
Phone: (02) 4284 4245 **Location:** 220 Balgownie Road, Balgownie
 f Balgownie Heritage School Museum

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WOLLONGONG MUSEUM TRAIL

DISCOVER WOLLONGONG'S RICH HISTORY



WOLLONGONG...

is home to a diverse range of museums that highlight all aspects of the region's history.

They're all open on the second Sunday of the month* so why not hit the road to find out more about our social, industrial and environmental heritage.



BLACK DIAMOND HERITAGE CENTRE

The Centre holds research materials on the northern suburbs, lost village of Sherbrooke, the coach era, coal and rail during World War I, as well as other local stories. Get up close to an 1888 Hudswell Clarke Steam Locomotive, a brake van dating from 1897 and a Corrima/Balgownie Coal Wagon, believed to date from the early 20th century. Railway buffs will enjoy looking over the range of railway and coal mining artefacts, and social history exhibitions.

Opening Times: 1pm-4pm every Sunday
Entry: Adult \$4 | Concession \$3 | Child 4-14 years \$2
Phone: 0408 115 099 **Email:** bdhcbulli@gmail.com
Location: Bulli Railway Station East Platform, Franklin Avenue off Park Road Bulli
<https://blackdiamondheritagecentrebulli.wordpress.com>

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ILLAWARRA MUSEUM

Learn more about our region's history at the Illawarra Museum. In Wollongong's CBD, the museum has a range of permanent exhibits including furnished rooms, a farm shed, blacksmith's shop and an air raid shelter. The museum, which is a popular excursion for local schools, also draws from its extensive collection to host a range of temporary displays. Plus, the building itself dates back to 1865 when it was the Telegraph Office.

Opening Times: Every Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 12-3pm
 Public Holidays 12-3pm
Entry: Adult \$5 | Pensioners & full-time students \$2.50
 Children: \$1 | Special Bookings: \$3
Phone: (02) 4228 7770 **Location:** 11 Market Street, Wollongong

Illawarra Museum www.illawarramuseum.com

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HARS AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

Travel through aviation history at this museum at the Illawarra Regional Airport. The Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Inc (HARS) has an ever-growing collection of aircraft which includes a F111C fighter bomber, Neptune Submarine Hunter and a Messerschmitt 108 (Nord 1002). One of the newest drawcards is the famous Qantas 747-400, which landed in 2015. HARS, a not-for-profit organisation, was formed in 1979 by a group of aviation enthusiasts interested in the preservation of Australian aviation history.

Opening Times: Open 7 days, 9.30am-3.30pm. Open Days: 2nd Friday, Saturday and Sunday of every month, 9.30am-3.30pm.
Entry: Adult \$25 | Concession/Seniors \$20 | Child \$10
 Family Group \$60 (includes on-board visits and sitting in cockpits).
Phone: (02) 4257 4333

Location: Cnr Airport Road and Boomerang Avenue, Albion Park Rail
www.hars.org.au

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MOUNT KEMBLA MINING HERITAGE

Uncover the Illawarra's coal mining history at the Mount Kembla Mining Heritage Centre. Learn about Mount Kembla village and its mining history, including the 1902 Mount Kembla Disaster, where 96 men and boys lost their lives. After exploring the centre, visitors can head to nearby Windy Gully Cemetery where a memorial stands to Australia's deadliest industrial disaster.

Opening Times: 2nd Sunday of each month, 11am to 3pm or open by appointment
Entry: Free (donations encouraged)
Phone: (02) 4271 1452 **Email:** mt.kembla@bigpond.com
Location: Mount Kembla Village Cordeaux Road, Mount Kembla
www.mtkembla.org.au

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