



# QUEANBEYAN



## QUEANBEYAN HERITAGE WALK

Take a stroll around town and discover historic locations that have shaped this city into what it is today. Download the Queanbeyan Heritage Walk map at: [treasuretrail.com.au](http://treasuretrail.com.au)

### Key

- Visitor information, Hospital
- Place of interest, Post office
- Public toilet, Church
- Restaurant / café, Shopping
- Supermarket, Gallery
- Golf club, Playground
- Park or reserve
- Shopping & dining areas



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**JUST MINUTES FROM CANBERRA, THE DYNAMIC AND FAST-GROWING CITY OF QUEANBEYAN IS THE PERFECT BLEND OF OLD AND NEW.**

Currently enjoying a multi-year revitalisation project, Queanbeyan is set to continue its transformation into a city that respects and celebrates its rich history, while stepping into the future as a leading city in regional NSW.

### SEE & DO

Go on a self-guided walking tour of fascinating historic buildings and museums. Enjoy captivating concerts and performances at The Q and explore the charming art galleries.

Discover the picture-perfect parks and tour the breathtaking nature reserves nearby, or take advantage of the numerous sports facilities on offer that have produced national and international sports champions. Queanbeyan has countless cultural attractions, lively events, and natural hideaways to explore.

While the city is an attraction in itself, it is also the ideal base for discovering the magic of the surrounding Canberra region. It is perfectly situated for quick access to Canberra, the NSW south coast, the Snowy Mountains and Sydney.

With so much on offer, Queanbeyan is the perfect destination whether you're in town for work, pleasure or simply to discover your undiscovered.

### HISTORY

Nestled among Queanbeyan's traditional high street retail, cafés and restaurants is a town full of history, dating back to the early 1800s. The name of the city originates from the Aboriginal word 'Quinbean' meaning 'clear water'.

European settlers arrived in the region in 1820 while searching for the Murrumbidgee River. In 1838, with a population of 50, Queanbeyan was proclaimed a township. The town started flourishing around the 1850s, thanks to the discovery of traces of gold and the brief operation of mines.

Churches, public houses and historic buildings built in those days can still be seen today by taking the self-guided Queanbeyan Heritage Walk tour, available at: [treasuretrail.com.au](http://treasuretrail.com.au)

The town started to grow dramatically with the establishment of Canberra in 1913, creating new opportunities for employment and economic growth. With a population of over 15,000, Queanbeyan was officially proclaimed a city in 1972. Today, it is one of the fastest growing inland cities in NSW.

### ARTS & CRAFTS

If you are appreciative of beautiful art and unique handcrafted works, you've come to the right place. Local artwork can be discovered all around Queanbeyan – on benches, street signs, parks and more.

Some of the most well-known pieces of public art include the Ricky Stuart mural on the side of the Bicentennial Hall, which can be viewed from Blacksmith's Lane, and the native flora and fauna stainless steel bin surrounds adorning the streets of the town.

Pay a visit to the Queanbeyan Art Society and Gallery to see more local art displayed in a charming 1880s cottage on the banks of the Queanbeyan River. Browse through their monthly exhibition, take an art class or purchase an original piece to take home with you.

### EAT & DRINK

Take in the city's vibrant atmosphere in the early mornings by dropping into one of Queanbeyan's riverside cafés for a hearty start to the day. Explore the main streets of the city to discover new favourite restaurants and eateries.

Finish the day off with a drink with the friendly locals at one of the city's many pubs, clubs, or restaurants. Several of the pubs were the go-to watering holes for Canberrans during the capital's prohibition period from 1911 until 1928.

### EVENTS

The city boasts numerous great venues for events of all kinds, including The Q Performing Arts Centre and the heritage-listed showgrounds. Highlights of the year include the Queanbeyan Show, a three-day event complete with food and market stalls, free rides, competitions, live music and fireworks, the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival, the annual Music by the River and many adrenaline-fueled events including the 4WD Spectacular.

### BLACKSMITH LANE



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