

Contacts

Let us organise a special experience of New Norcia for your family, corporate, social or school group.

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Pax, a Latin word meaning peace, is the motto of the Benedictine monks of New Norcia. It is the fruit of their regular, prayerful and stable life together and the gift they offer to all who visit their town.

Every Day at New Norcia

Museum, Art Gallery and Gift Shop

9.30am - 4.30pm daily Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Daily Guided Town Tours

Depart from the Museum: 11.00am and 1.30pm (2 hours) Special tours can be arranged for groups of over 10, please email info@newnorcia.com.au.

Prayers with the Monks – Monastery Oratory

In the Monastery Oratory (chapel) (* in Abbey Church) Monday to Saturday: 5.00am, 6.30am, Mass 7.30am, 12.00pm, 2.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.15pm Sunday: 6.00am, Mass 9.00am*, 12.00pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm

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Moora

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NEW NORCIA

132km from Perth

Toodvay

Midland

New Norcia Roadhouse and Salvado Café

Open from 7.30am - 5.00pm daily Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day

The Benedictine Community of New Norcia thanks you for visiting.

All proceeds from purchases made during your day at New Norcia are used by the monks to help preserve this historical and spiritual treasure - Australia's only monastic town.



New Norcia Road, New Norcia, Western Australia 6509

New Norcia Australia's only monastic town

An historical and spiritual treasure in the Australian bush.



Welcome Salve

The monks welcome you to New Norcia! Here are some of our favourite things to do in Australia's only monastic town.

You won't believe what lies behind the locked doors of our buildings! Join our Town Tour and let our experienced guides unravel the unique history and show you the hidden artworks of New Norcia.

Lose yourself in the Museum and Art Gallery where an eclectic array of mission and monastery memorabilia is displayed alongside European religious art and contemporary Australian art works. It also houses the beautiful Charles Austin Gardner exhibition of botanic drawings.

Experience a 1,500-year-old tradition and join our monks in the Monastery oratory for prayers (six times daily).

Start at the Visitor Centre in the Museum and Art Gallery to get a brochure and information about our monastic town and its surrounding area. Join a guided town tour

In thirty years of almost constantly travelling around the world, I have seldom met a place so clarifying and calm as New Norcia. It makes you think again about what matters; it returns you to a sense of stillness and community that's hard to find in the modern world; it refreshes the soul better than any holiday. The only hardship of coming here is leaving.

Pico lyer - Travel Writer for Time Magazine and The New Yorker



and immerse yourself in the town's history, way of life and unique buildings.

Explore a little further – pick up a River Walk brochure from the Museum and Art Gallery and wander over the Moore River to the old Apiary Indigenous Artefact Display overlooking the Monastery and town.

Visit the Mission Cottages Interpretation Centre and learn more about the Aboriginal families that lived and worked in New Norcia.

Book into a retreat in the Monastery Guesthouse. The spirituality programme offers "time apart" to renew and regain a sense of balance. Contact the Monastery Guesthouse for more information.

Browse the diverse range of locally sourced products in the Museum Gift Shop. Buy some of New Norcia's award winning olive oil, harvested from the historic Monastic olive grove planted in the 1850's and pressed annually. Enjoy a home-made lunch at the Salvado Café in the Roadhouse.

Or simply wander around the unique buildings and explore – whilst soaking up the peace and serenity. Pax.

Join our extended family. Stay informed about events at New Norcia by becoming a Friend – email us at: friends@newnorcia.com.au.









Visitor Centre – Museum, Art Gallery and Gift Shop

Enjoy one of the finest collections of moveable heritage in Australia, including gifts from the Queen of Spain and a fascinating array of artefacts.

The galleries feature religious artworks by European masters and Australian contemporary artists and a beautiful display of botanical drawings by Charles Gardner.

In addition, the Gift Shop offers a wide range of locally sourced gifts as well as a range of New Norcia's renowned produce including olive oil, Abbey Wines, Abbey Ale, bread, Nut Cake, Biscotti and Dom Salvado Pan Chocolatti.

A lift has been installed to ensure better access to the first floor exhibitions (partially funded by Royalties for Regions Wheatbelt Community Chest Fund 2016).

Daily Guided Town Tours also leave from the Visitor Centre twice a day at 11.00am and 1.30pm.



Monastery

Home to a community of Benedictine monks since the town was founded in 1847, today New Norcia continues to be a living expression of 1,500 years of monastic hospitality.

While the Abbot and monks invite you to share their art, architecture, prayer life and natural environment, the monastery residence is a restricted area and we ask that you respect their privacy.



Abbey Church

The marble tomb of New Norcia's founder, Rosendo Salvado, is found inside the Abbey Church, along with one of only two large Moser organs crafted in Germany and imported to Australia in the 1920s. Step through the doors and admire the highly decorated interior and rare sgraffito works on the walls.



Education Centre

The Education Centre offers students and adult groups opportunities to engage with New Norcia's unique Aboriginal, European and Monastic Heritage.

It is also home to the European Space Agency (ESA) Interpretive Room, an Aboriginal cultural display, the recently refurbished Abbey Press bindery and letterpress printshop, as well as panels depicting the Aboriginal six seasons and eras of New Norcia's history relating to each Abbot.



Colleges and Old Convent

Adult groups of up to 170 can stay in New Norcia's amazing buildings, including St Gertrude's College, St Ildephonsus' College (dorm-style accommodation) and the Old Convent.

With a variety of work and performance spaces and access to the town's recreational facilities, the venues are ideal for school day visits, art and music workshops, retreats, conferences and special events.



Mission Cottages Interpretation Centre

Rich in cultural significance, this stunning and moving display of interpretive panels tells the story of the Mission Cottages and the Indigenous families who, for more than 100 years, made their homes in the former New Norcia Mission Village.

The display encourages visitors to sit in a spirit of reverence and respect for our Aboriginal forbears who inhabited this sacred ground.













New Norcia Institute for Benedictine Studies

Dedicated to the sharing and advancement of knowledge of Benedictine monasticism, the Institute offers unique opportunities for the study of the historical, cultural, theological, philosophical and mystical aspects of our monastic heritage.



New Norcia Hostel

Built in 1927 as a hostel for parents visiting students in the colleges. The architect, Fr Urbano Giminez started working on the plans in 1924. The exterior was brick for 30 years, with the rendering and painting carried out in 1955. The Hostel is now a venue catering for group accommodation and functions.

Monastery Guesthouse

In keeping with the Benedictine spirit of hospitality, the Monastery Guesthouse provides accommodation and meals for individuals and groups seeking to quietly share in the rhythms and routines of the monks in a simple environment. The Guesthouse also runs a yearly retreat programme; details are available on the website.

New Norcia Bakery

Whilst closed to the public, bread is baked in the 140-year-old woodfired oven each day and distributed throughout the town. It is available for sale at the Visitor Centre and Roadhouse.

Caravans and Camping

Powered sites with access to basic amenities are located behind the New Norcia Roadhouse for a small fee. If you are self-contained you are welcome to park on the southern field opposite the Roadhouse – please enquire at the Roadhouse or Visitor Centre for more information.

Roadhouse, Café, Bar, Post Office and Store

All your basic requirements can be bought here as well as coffees, snacks, ice creams and petrol. It also now has a small licensed bar (11am – 5pm). Meals can be taken away or eaten in the Salvado Roadhouse Café.

New Norcia Visitor Map

- Visitor Centre Museum, Art Gallery, Gift Shop and Tours
 Old Convent (entrance at rear)
- 2 St Joseph's Hall / Work Centre (entrance at rear)
- 4 St Scholastica's Administration Block
- 5 Arcade and Handball Courts
- 6 St 11dephonsus' Cottage
- 7 Flour Mill
- 8 Central Library
- 9 Rosendo Salvado Statue
- 10 New Norcia Institute of Benedictine Studies
- 11 Mission Cottage
- 12 European Space Agency Interpretive Room
- 13 Abbey Press
- 14 Old Flour Mill
- 15 Mission Cottages Interpretation Centre
- 16 The Novitiate
- 17 Monastery Parlour
- 18 Monastery Oratory
- **19** Monastery Guesthouse
- **20** Bakery (closed to public products available at Visitor Centre)
- 21 Olive Workshop
- 22 Blacksmith's Workshop
- 23 Caravan and Camping Area (self-contained)
- 24 Caravan Bays and Amenities
- 25 Roadhouse, Salvado Café and Post Office
- **26** Guesthouse Hermitage (Pig-keeper's Cottage)
- 27 Ford and Weir
- 28 Apiary and Indigenous Artefact Display
- 29 Seminar Room
- P ParkingMater Fountain
- # Toiletsb Disabled Toilets
- →···· River Walk (self-guided interpretive trail)

Daily Guided Town Tours 11.00am and 1.30pm (2 hour walking tour)

A guided tour is the best way to discover New Norcia. Hear stories of the town's changing history and view incredible interiors and beautiful artworks hidden behind the walls of this unique heritage site.

Tour tickets can be purchased from the Visitor Centre.

