



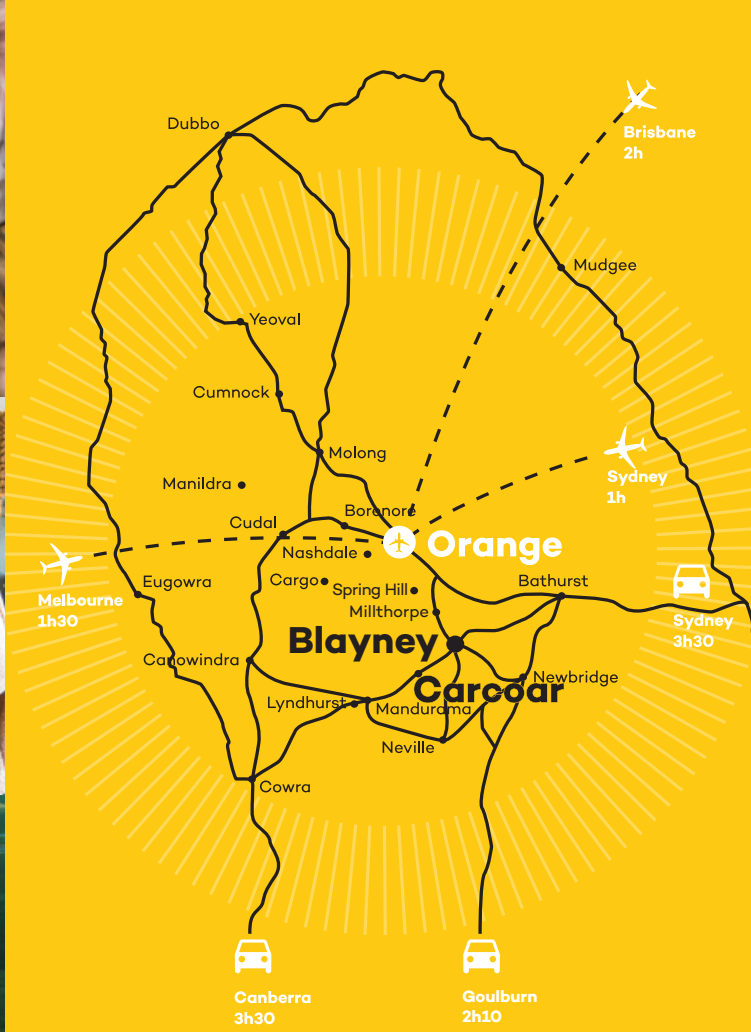
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02 6368 3534

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THE VILLAGE OF Carcoar 1839



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The village of Carcoar

The picture-perfect village of Carcoar is nestled in a small sheltered valley beside the meandering Belubula River. A true historic gem, it is the third-oldest settlement west of the Blue Mountains. With a spectacular backdrop of rolling green hills, it is easy to see why the area was a drawcard for early settlers.

Classified by the National Trust because of its large number of preserved 19th century buildings, highlights include well-preserved mid to late Victorian buildings along the main street, St Pauls Anglican Church consecrated in 1849, the Court House built in 1882, and the 1849 convict-built stables of Stoke House.

Carcoar streets and buildings have been a popular backdrop for movies with the village appearing in a number of Australian movies including; 'Jessica', 'Backtrack', 'Brides of Christ', 'Let the Balloon Go', 'Country Life', and 'Peter Allen: Not the boy next door.'

History

A centre for law and order, Carcoar was first settled in 1821 and was gazetted in 1839 by the government at the request of the wealthiest and largest land owner of the district, Thomas Icely of 'Coombing Park' who brought the forefathers of many of the current local families to work on his property.

In 1857, Carcoar's public school opened, and it remains open today, making it one of the oldest continuous running schools in Australian history.

With gold discovered in the 1850s, Carcoar's population increased. Bushrangers were common in this region including the notorious Ben Hall gang. In 1863, bushrangers Gilbert and O'Meally attempted the first ever daylight bank robbery in Australian history at the Commercial Bank in Carcoar.

Carcoar was the main administration centre west of Bathurst, with a Municipal Council, Court House and hospital. In 1976, the western rail line came to Blayney and the town became the commercial centre. Carcoar's role was diminished and the population dropped as miners moved west to newly discovered goldfields.



Annual Events

CARCOAR AUSTRALIA DAY FAIR – 26 JANUARY

A popular event in the Central West with many people travelling to participate in festivities which feature authentic re-enactments of the iconic stories of Carcoar, picnics on the Belubula, market stalls, food and live music!

DOWN TO EARTH GARDENING EXPO AND PLANT FAIR – LAST SUNDAY IN APRIL

You can find stalls with rare plants, fruit trees, ornamental trees, indoor and outdoor plants, pots and garden sculptures and more. Learn more about various aspects of gardening and sustainability from a range of expert speakers with workshops held throughout the day in the picturesque Carcoar Showground.

CARCOAR SHOW – LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

'The Best Little Show in the Country' is a family day out with lots of free entertainment for the children and many exciting events to watch. Namely Woodchop, Yard Dogs, Sportshear, Horses, Cattle and of course the Carcoar Show BBQ, bar and afternoon tea.

CARCOAR CUP RUNNING FESTIVAL

– FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER

The Carcoar Cup has one of the most challenging and beautiful courses in Australia with events ranging from the 1.8km Kids Dash to the Ultramarathon. Each race is started with a stock whip, travels through spectacular countryside to neighbouring village of Neville and every runner is personally welcomed home by visitors and locals lining the streets.

Check www.orange360.com.au events guide for more details.

Carcoar



What to do and see

- **Carcoar Railway Station** – while no longer operational, it overlooks the town and makes a grand statement perched on the hillside with spectacular views of the village.
- Enjoy a picnic on the banks of the Belubula River in **Kurt Fearnley Park**, named after Paralympian and marathon gold medallist, Kurt Fearnley who grew up in Carcoar.
- Take a walking tour of the town and visit the many historic churches, School of Arts building, main street shops, cafes and local pub. Contact The Carcoar and District Historical Society to book a guided tour of the village.
- **Local events** – Keep an eye out on the Carcoar Village Facebook Page for regular events held by the local businesses ranging from artisan workshops, guest chefs, themed dinners, live music, succulent wreath workshops and arm knitting and many more.

SURROUNDING AREA

- Visit nearby Carcoar Dam and Wind Farm (8km).
- CTLX (Central Tablelands Livestock Exchange) (5km).
- Millthorpe via the scenic country roads (25km)
- Villages of Lyndhurst (14km) and Mandurama (8km).
- Drive over Mount Macquarie and see the beautiful views of Lake Rowlands.

BEST TIMES TO VISIT

Opening hours in the village can vary so be sure to check with individual businesses ahead of time.

Generally retail stores open later in the week from Thursdays to Sundays, food and coffee is available Wednesdays to Sundays and most museums are by appointment so be sure to call ahead.

Opening days can also extend over busy periods including long weekends and school holidays.

MUSEUMS

Carcoar could well be known as 'the unofficial museum capital of Australia' with 5 museums in the small village that help bring the stories of early settlement to life.

- ❶ **Carcoar Hospital Museum** – The Carcoar Hospital was built in 1860 which is one of the earliest colonial hospital buildings in Australia. It now houses a unique collection covering over 150 years of Carcoar's health and medical history.
- ❷ **Court House Museum** – The Court House was built in 1882 and has now been fully restored and houses a Law and Order Museum, Carcoar Pottery and the Humming Alpaca. Open on weekends.
- ❸ **Military Museum** – In what used to be a projectionist's room in the School of Arts / Victory Theatre, is now home to an impressive display of military items.
- ❹ **Stoke Stable Museum** – One of the oldest buildings in Carcoar, built in 1849 by convicts. Open on weekends.
- ❺ **The 20th Century Toy Museum** – A huge collection, a must for children and adults with nostalgia!

CHURCHES

- ❻ **Church of the Immaculate Conception**
- ❼ **St James Presbyterian Church**
- ❽ **St Paul's Anglican Church**



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- ❹ **Antica Australis** – Bringing a little of the soul of rural Italy to regional Australia, Antica Australis is an intimate dining experience (with just 25 seats) serving up traditional Italian dishes showcasing seasonal, local produce. Bookings essential.
- ❿ **The Royal Hotel** – A quality menu including a very good selection of tasty 'pub meals,' the public bar serves 6 Tap Beers and Local Angullong Wines to complement your meal choice, open 7 days.
- ⓫ **The Village Grocer** – A small espresso bar offering quality Fish River Roasters coffee, locally sourced products, homemade slices, cakes & pastries with a touch of baked goods from The Sugar Mill.

RETAIL

- ⓬ **Carcoar Pottery and The Humming Alpaca** – Established 1993, locally made pottery by Louise Purcell here in the Blayney Shire. Outdoor sculptures, domestic and ornamental ware. Also local alpaca/fibre products and equipment.
- ⓬ **The Rustic Flamingo** – Vintage retro shop with handmade unique, upcycled jewellery, signs and homewares.
- ⓭ **Tomolly** – Belinda The Shopkeeper welcomes you to a beautifully curated homewares store also featuring a creative space for workshops and gatherings.

ATTRACTIONS

- ⓮ **Kurt Fearnley Park**
- ⓯ **Railway Station**
- ⓯ **Pound Flat**

ACCOMMODATION

- ⓫ **Old Post Office Guesthouse** – Accommodation, Functions, Food, Wine and Art in the magnificently restored Post Office Guesthouse (circa 1870), luxurious rooms with every modern comfort, meals with a seasonal focus, and contemporary and traditional art.
- ⓬ **Stoke House Bed and Breakfast** – Relax in the past in our heritage rooms which date back to the 1870s, rooms are beautifully restored with modern ensembles with large lounge rooms and a private dining room. The balcony has the best views of the village plus 2 acres of beautiful gardens to enjoy, pets welcome.
- ⓬ **The Royal Hotel** – The Royal Hotel has basic hotel style accommodation with shared bathroom facilities. All rooms are clean and fresh and open onto the large balcony overlooking the main street of Carcoar.
- ⓬ **The White House** – Grand bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, drawing room and conservatory set in two acres on the banks of the Belubula River.
- ⓬ **Hilton Homestead** – Set in a large country garden on a working farm located less than 20 minutes from Carcoar. Ideal for couples, small groups and families with five beautifully furnished bedroom.
- ⓬ **Dairy Park Farmstay and B&B** – Dairy Park is a working farm set in the picturesque rolling hills of Blayney Shire. There are three self-contained, unique, separate units: The Cabin, Thummy Jacks, and the Shearers Hut.
- ⓬ **Old Errowanbang Farmstay** – Located less than 20 minutes from Carcoar, on a historical property that dates back to the late 1800's the Errowanbang has 6 large bedrooms that can sleep up to 12 guests, it's a great farmstay for friends and families meeting for a holiday or weekend getaway.