

# Home testing is launched

## CORONAVIRUS

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DUE to a concern of low testing numbers in the city and accessibility issues, Health authorities launched a new home testing clinic for Bathurst on Saturday.

Bathurst is now one of three locations across the Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD) to in-

troduce an at-home testing clinic, following on the likes of Dubbo - who has four to help combat its high case numbers - and Orange.

The launch of the new at-home testing clinic comes after a number of low testing numbers for Bathurst in the past week.

"We're continually stepping up to help people who are vulnerable and unable to

leave their home to get tested and there's a quick turnaround for those," WNSWLHD Chief Executive Scott McLachlan said.

"Very disappointing we saw a dive in the testing numbers to 3700 on Thursday and that's the lowest we've seen in weeks. It's really concerning to see that continual drop.

"Only four days ago we

up above 10,000 across the whole region.

"Now is the time not to mess around with this. Don't let sniffles turn into full-blown COVID. Go and get tested quickly. If you've been tested once, don't hesitate to get tested again."

People who want to be tested at home can contact WNSWLHD on 1300 066 055.

Testing for COVID-19 is

available at four different locations in Bathurst, including one at Kelso.

### Bathurst testing locations:

**Bathurst Laverty Pathology:** Drive-through clinic, Mountain Straight, Mount Panorama. Appointments not required. Open Monday-Sunday, 8am-4pm.

**Bathurst Base Hospital:**

Appointments are not required. Open Monday-Sunday, 9am-4pm.

**Bathurst Respiratory Clinic:** 1470 Panorama Avenue, Ochre Health, CSU appointment required. Open Monday-Sunday, 9am-4pm.

**Kelso Community Hub:** 24 Bonnor Street, Kelso. No appointments not required. Open Tuesday-Friday; 9am-3pm.

## Sub-Branch is supporting Morant move

### HISTORY

THE Bathurst RSL Sub-Branch has offered its support to a bid to have Harry "Breaker" Morant's name added to the Adelaide Boer War Memorial.

Descendant Cathie Morant is pushing to have the name added to recognise her relative's service to a South Australian colonial unit during the Boer War.

A formal submission has been made by lawyer and author James Unkles, who recently argued strongly for Bathurst to retain Lieutenant Peter Handcock's name on the city's memorial in Kings Parade.

Mr Handcock and Mr Morant were both executed in 1902 for the murder of several Boer prisoners-of-war, though Mr Unkles has argued that the pair did not receive a fair trial.

In supporting the inclusion of Mr Morant on the Adelaide memorial, Bathurst RSL Sub-Branch president David Mills said such memorials "acknowledge service to our country".

"Inclusion does not judge, nor should it judge that service," he writes.

"To adopt a judgmental attitude towards memorials has the potential to lead to unwarranted removal of names from memorials across the country."



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## REGISTER TO JOIN GARAGE SALE TRAIL

### WHAT'S ON

BATHURST Regional Council has again partnered with the Garage Sale Trail to bring Australia's biggest celebration of second hand back in November.

The Garage Sale Trail will be held over two weekends on November 13 to 14 and 20 to 21.

Registrations to participate will open in September.

For more information visit council's website, follow the BRC Events Facebook page or visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au).



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