

# Day Trip:

## DISCOVER COUNTRY MUSIC CAPITAL.



### WALK A COUNTRY MILE

Tamworth Visitor Information Centre, Cnr Peel and Murray Streets

T: 02 6767 5300

Open: 7 days, 9am – 5pm

Admission cost: Adult \$5.00, Concession \$4.50

**Suggested visit time: 1 hour**

The award winning Walk a Country Mile interpretive museum is located in the Tamworth Visitor Information Centre and narrates the story, music and artists that have shaped Australian Country Music. In one great location you will discover Australian country music's rich history, culture and folklore.

### THE BIG GOLDEN GUITAR / GALLERY OF STARS MUSIC WAX MUSEUM

New England Highway, Tamworth

T: 02 6765 2688

Open: 7days, 9am – 5pm

Admission cost (Wax Museum only): Adult \$10.00, Children \$4.00, Family (2ad & 2ch) \$20.00, Pensioner \$8.00

**Suggested visit time: 1 hour**

While you're in Tamworth, you've got to do it! A visit to Australia's country music Capital must include a photo beside the Big Golden Guitar. Standing 12 metres tall, half a ton in weight and made of fibreglass over a steel frame the Big Golden Guitar is a replica of the famous golden guitar used for the CMAA Country Music Awards. The unique Wax Museum showcases the stars of country music as life like figures dressed in original clothing and displayed in individual settings which reflect some special aspect of their life and music. At the Wax Museum you will find all the stars like Tex Morton, John Williamson and Slim Dusty who unveiled the Golden Guitar in 1988.

### GALAXY OF STARS

Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC), Ringers Road, Tamworth

T: 02 6767 5300

Accessible at all times

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 15 minutes**

In the forecourt of the largest regional entertainment centre in regional Australia, is the prestigious Galaxy of Stars where icons of country music have a star plaque dedicated to successful Australian country music artists like Joy McKean, Smoky Dawson and Troy Cassar-Daley. Many major events are held at TRECC throughout the year, most famously the CMAA Country Music Awards of Australia and the red carpet.

### AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ROLL OF RENOWN

TRECC, Ringers Road, Tamworth

T: 02 6767 5300

Accessible at all times

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 30 minutes**

The Roll of Renown is Australia's highest honour in country music with plaques dedicated to the pioneers of country music in Australia, located on the front lawn area of TRECC. There are special tributes to Tex Morton, Buddy Williams, Smoky Dawson, Slim Dusty, Shirley Thoms and many more.

### AUSTRALIAN EQUINE AND LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTRE (AELEC)

New England Highway, Tamworth

T: 02 6767 5858

Open: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm and weekend events scheduled

Admission costs: Varied prices depending on event

**Suggested visit time: 1 hour**

AELEC is the new and modern undercover facility that has become an iconic landmark for Australia. The \$30 million centre boasts an indoor arena to seat 3,500 people, 478 stables for horses and livestock, education facilities, bars, restaurant, campdraft and rodeo arena, equine sporting fields and courses and camping grounds. Free tours can be taken during office hours and some events may have an admission fee and be scheduled on weekends and weekdays. During the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival it plays host to the ABCRA National Rodeo Finals.

### OXLEY LOOKOUT

Top end of White Street, Tamworth

T: 02 6767 5300

Accessible at all times

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 15 minutes**

This lookout offers a superb landmark to view the entire country music capital and sits 519 metres above sea level. A great starting point to your journey around the Tamworth region as you get a panoramic view of the city with fantastic photographic opportunities.

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## TAMWORTH SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION (TSA) SONGMAKER TRIBUTE

Tamworth Visitor Information Centre, Cnr Peel and Murray Streets

T: 02 6767 5300

Accessible at any time

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 10 minutes**

Each year TSA members vote on a songwriter who has made a lasting and important contribution to Australian song writing. They are forever recognised through a plaque on the TSA Songmaker Tribute located on the grounds of the guitar shaped Tamworth Visitor Information Centre.

## AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME (ACMF)

123 Brisbane Street, Tamworth

T: 02 6766 9696

Open: Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm & Saturday 10am -1pm

Admission cost: Adult \$6, Concession \$4, Family \$14, 10 yrs & under free

**Suggested visit time: 1 hour**

The ACMF is an Australian Country Music archive with more than forty pioneers displayed. Here the public can enjoy the academic research, preservations of significant items of memorabilia and the fascinating history of Australian and New Zealand country music.

## HANDS OF FAME

Cnr Kable Avenue & Bridge Street, Tamworth

T: 02 6767 5300

Accessible at all times

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 30 mins**

The Hands of Fame cornerstone was established in 1977 and is designed to honour individuals who had made a significant and on going contribution to Australian country music. This ‘hands on’ attraction features more than 200 handprints of country music stars and well known personalities, imprinted in concrete.

## NOSES OF FAME

Joe Maguires Hotel, Peel St, Tamworth

T: 02 6766 2114

Accessible at all times

Free admission

**Suggested visit time: 15mins**

Here’s something you don’t see everyday, the noses of country music stars forever captured in concrete. Move your way through the famous artists and see which one yours best matches.



1. Tamworth Visitor Information Centre
2. The Big Golden Guitar/Country Music Wax Museum
3. Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre
4. Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre
5. Oxley Lookout
6. Australian Country Music Hall of Fame
7. Hands of Fame
8. Joe Maguires Hotel

