



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND ADDS TO HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN DUBBO

School holidays are a great time for parents to spend time with their children but a common concern that comes up is how to keep the little ones entertained.

Luckily, there is plenty of school holiday activities to do around Dubbo and nobody should struggle to find something.

First on the list for everyone should be checking out Dubbo's great new Adventure Playground. One of the most exciting new additions to Dubbo's attractions in recent years, the Adventure Playground offers something for children of all ages and abilities.

With things to climb on, slide down, glide along and swing on, it has the ability to keep kids entertained for hours. While you are there, check out the rest of the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden. We have a great Japanese garden, as well as the Biodiversity Garden, Sensory Garden and Oasis Valley.

The Macquarie Regional Library also has a great range of school holidays activities including free Lego playtime between 2pm and 4pm every weekday of the holidays, Book Bingo on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm and the 13-Storey Treehouse on Tuesday, 23 April from 10.30am to 12pm.

For more information, call into the Dubbo branch of the Library or visit www.mrl.nsw.gov.au.

The Western Plains Cultural Centre also hosts activities for students as young as five through to teenagers. From Waste to Art, to sculpture creation and Curious Creatures, they are a great hands-on learning opportunity.

The Old Dubbo Gaol is getting into the holiday spirit, offering twilight tours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the school break. They also have some special events on the Easter Weekend including Characters in Costume, Guided Escape Tours and Beyond the Grave tours.

The Gaol is an incredible attraction for Dubbo and if you haven't been there before or in recent years, it is really worth a look. Don't forget the Inmates Program, that allows people from the Dubbo region free admission during the day by simply showing photo ID. There really is no excuse not to go and see this very special part of Dubbo's history.

If you are into sports, Dubbo PCYC has you covered, with a range of activities over the holidays including judo, dance and multi sports. And of course everyone knows what is on offer at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Don't forget that Wellington has some fantastic attractions and is only a short 40-minute drive. The Wellington Caves are one of the true geological wonders of Australia, with the Cathedral Cave and Gaden Cave along with the Phosphate Mine.

Council is beginning work on an exciting new Visitor Experience Centre to make sure the caves have the latest and best

facilities.

Then there is the Burrendong Botanic Gardens and Arboretum just a stone's throw from Lake Burrendong. It is an amazing natural area with more than 50,000 flowering plants and trees including numerous rare and endangered ones.

So don't be fooled into thinking there is nothing to do this school holidays, get out with the kids and check out everything the region has to offer.

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