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Coolamon's newly renovated Up To Date Precinct

Coolamon Shire Council has recently renovated their Up To Date Precinct. While remaining separate entities, the Coolamon RSL Museum and Up To Date Store can now be accessed together.

"There's now a connection through to the RSL Museum which was next door. We've made it one big precinct now, which also includes The Coolamon Library", Tony Donoghue from Coolamon Shire Council said.

On display inside the Up To Date Store is the State Heritage Listed Mavis Furner Exhibition. It includes more than two hundred pieces of clothing and accessories belonging to the former Coolamon resident. There are even items Mavis purchased from the original Up To Date Store in the 1920s.

"Similarly the Garth Jones collection has been installed, which is another State Listed Heritage Collection," Mr Donoghue said.

Visitors to the precinct can see the only in-situ Lamson Cash Carrier in the world. The old system was used to securely send money from the sales assistant on the floor, to the cashier elsewhere in the store.

There's also a treasure trove of other bits and pieces, depicting the history of the town.

Next door, the Coolamon RSL Museum houses an extensive collection of military memorabilia from the Boer War to present conflict. The collection comprises items of local military significance and traces the history of men and women from the Coolamon District who have served the nation in the defence forces. The museum boasts an extensive display of uniforms and memorabilia in interpretive displays as well as a photographic display of those who have served.

"We have received wonderful feedback, we've already had many groups come and tour this cultural precinct including school groups from around the region," Mr Donoghue said.

Both the Coolamon RSL Museum and Up To Date Store are open for tours from Tuesday to Sunday.

The precinct also has a fantastic café called Ajanta, comprising of great food, coffee and surprises.

This newly renovated historical and educational centre can also be used for events, conferences and meetings. Seating is available for up to 70 people, with the precinct comprising of a new kitchenette, outdoor covered stage, and new sound and audio visual system.

There is plenty to do and see all year round in the Coolamon Shire, check the website www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au and make the most of your time in the Coolamon Shire.

June Events throughout the Riverina

Event name	Town	Date	Contact details
Kurrajong Waratah Race Day	Wagga Wagga	June 4	Cathie Smith on 02 6925 5002
Festa Della Republica Italiana	Griffith	June 4	Peter Gatti Ph: 6962 6986
Temora Aviation Museum Aircraft Showcase Day	Temora	June 4	02 6977 1088
U15's and U16's Rugby League Country Championships	Leeton	June 4-5	Bruce Staines 0409 935 775
Wagga Wagga Open Cycle Classic	Wagga Wagga	June 4-5	Beth Gilmore on 0438 261 358
Narrandera Race Club TAB Meeting	Narrandera	June 6	Joan Bashir Ph 02 6959 4664
French Film Festival 2011	Wagga Wagga	June 10-12	Simone Gerardu on 6921 1418
Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Clun Annual June Rally	Wagga Wagga	June 10-13	Janelle on 02 6925 0483 or 0418 253 010
Hay 44 th Annual Mini Nationals	Hay	June 11-13	02 6993 4045
unWINEd in the Riverina	Griffith	June 11-12	www.unwined-riverina.com
Wagga Greyhound Gold Cup	Wagga Wagga	June 12	Darren Hull on 02 6925 4011 or 0417 249 103
Griffith Film Festival	Griffith	June 23-25	Box Office 02 69628444
Riverina Dance Festival	Wagga Wagga	June 24	02 6926 9680

For further details on any of these festivals and events across the Riverina or for details on attractions and leisure activities throughout the Riverina Region visit the Riverina Regional Tourism website at www.visitriverina.com.au

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