



## WELCOME TO TAMWORTH, AUSTRALIA!



Welcome to Music City! Wait....what? That's right! Tamworth is the Country Music Capital of Australia! It's the Nashville of Australia! Tamworth is located in the state of New South Wales and is bustling with industry, education and tourism. Tamworth became Nashville's 7th sister city in 2013. It is located between Brisbane and Sydney and has a population just of 42,000, making it the second largest inland city in New South Wales.

Tamworth is full of culture, art, and entertainment, as well as some very interesting food! Are you ready to explore?

[Top 13 Tourist Sites in Tamworth](#) | [Video Tour of Tamworth](#)

## ~ ABORIGINAL CULTURE ~

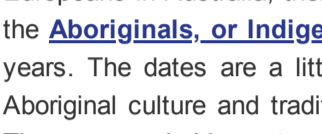


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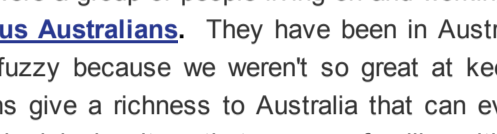


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## ABORIGINAL CULTURE

Just like America, Australia was [colonised by the British](#) in the late 1700s, but before there were Europeans in Australia, there were a group of people living on and working the land who are referred to as the [Aboriginals, or Indigenous Australians](#). They have been in Australia between 40,000 and 70,000 years. The dates are a little fuzzy because we weren't so great at keeping calendars back then. The Aboriginal culture and traditions give a richness to Australia that can even be seen in Western culture. There are probably parts of Aboriginal culture that you are familiar with and didn't even know it! I bet you've heard of a boomerang, you may have even seen one or played with it! Did you know that the boomerang was invented by Aboriginals for hunting animals? Now it is a popular toy because of its uncanny ability to come back when you throw it! Would you like to try to make your own? There are a few instructions in the link below!

[Aboriginal Art](#) is another great contribution from this unique culture! This style of art is unique for using a dot technique and its images show scenes of nature. It's not difficult to make yourself, but the true intricacy of the art is unique to the Aboriginal people. Would you like to try to make a turtle? Check out the video below!

Last but not least is the music iconic to Aboriginals, which is the [didgeridoo](#). The word may sound a little funny, but the music that it makes is unique and beautiful. The didgeridoo is a wind instrument, and is a long cylinder usually made from wood. The music it makes is so beautiful that countries around the world have adopted this instrument. Let's explore the didgeridoo more! Below there are links to listen, make, and play a didgeridoo! We can't wait to hear about your new skills!

[Aboriginal Art \(video\)](#) | [How Aboriginals Built Australia](#) | [Crafting Aboriginal Art \(video\)](#)

[Make your own boomerang \(video\)](#) | [Make a boomerang 3 ways \(read\)](#)

[Didgeridoo Music](#) | [Make your own Didgeridoo](#) | [How to Play Didgeridoo](#)

## ~ LET'S PLAY: ENTERTAINMENT & FUN ~

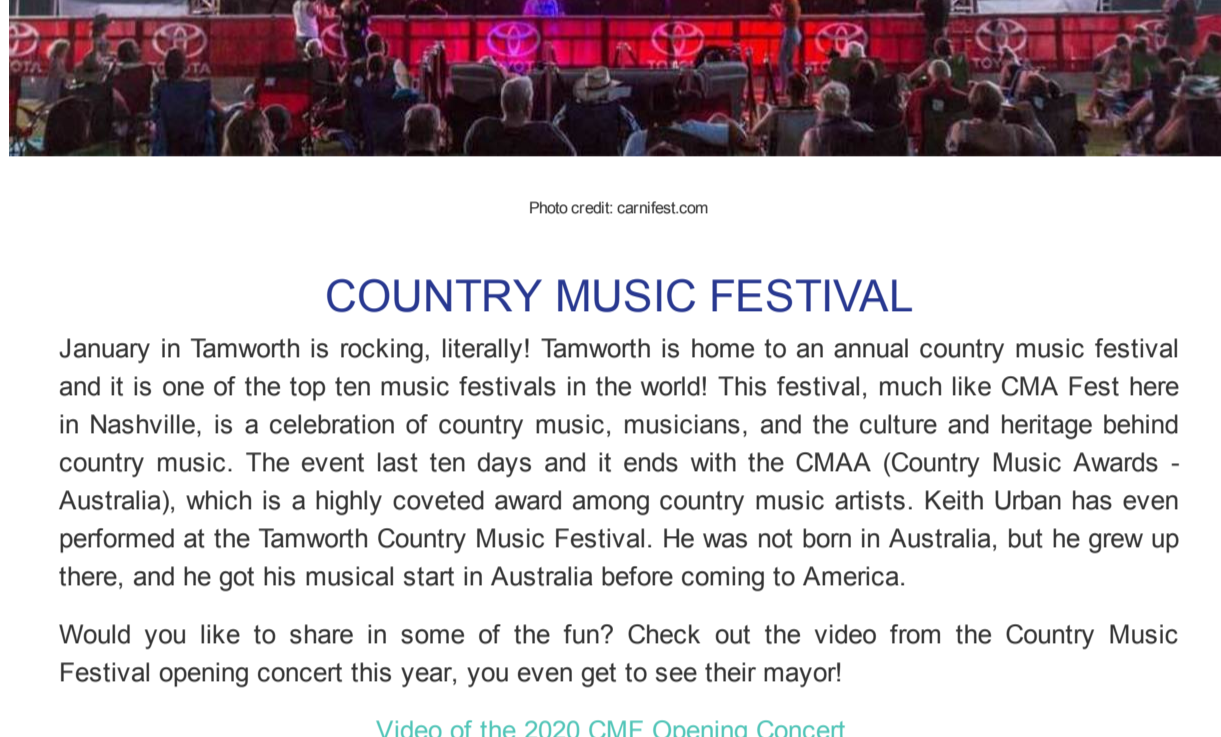


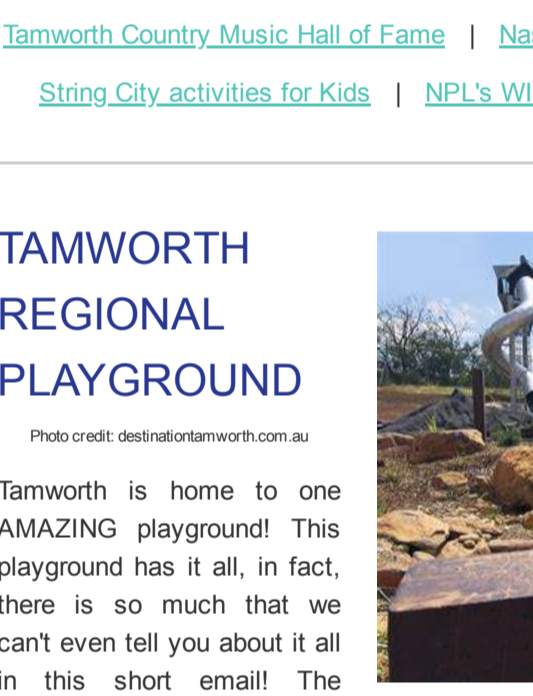
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## COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

January in Tamworth is rocking, literally! Tamworth is home to an annual country music festival and it is one of the top ten music festivals in the world! This festival, much like CMA Fest here in Nashville, is a celebration of country music, musicians, and the culture and heritage behind country music. The event last ten days and it ends with the CMAA (Country Music Awards - Australia), which is a highly coveted award among country music artists. Keith Urban has even performed at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. He was not born in Australia, but he grew up there, and he got his musical start in Australia before coming to America.

Would you like to share in some of the fun? Check out the video from the Country Music Festival opening concert this year, you even get to see their mayor!

[Video of the 2020 CMF Opening Concert](#)



## TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

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Have you ever visited the Nashville Country Music Museum and Hall of Fame? Just like a good, country music loving city, Tamworth has its own Country Music Hall of Fame! The hall of fame is home to the giant Golden Guitar that is featured in many photos of Tamworth (like the one at the beginning of this email!) and is reserved for those artists who have made a name for themselves in country music. It chronicles the history and evolution of Australian

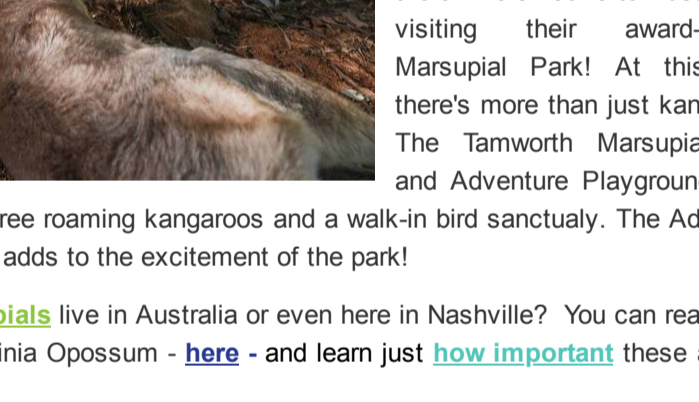
Country Music. Would you like to take a tour? See the video below! Would you like to compare the Nashville museum and the Tamworth museum? What are the differences? How is country music and its culture different or the same between the two? Here's a brief tour of the Nashville museum as well. When we're able to go again, did you know that [Nashville residents can get free tickets](#) to the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum? It's a great family outing! You can tour both museums below!

[Tamworth Country Music Hall of Fame](#) | [Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum](#)

[String City activities for Kids](#) | [NPL's Wishing Chair's The Making of String City \(Video\)](#)

## TAMWORTH REGIONAL PLAYGROUND

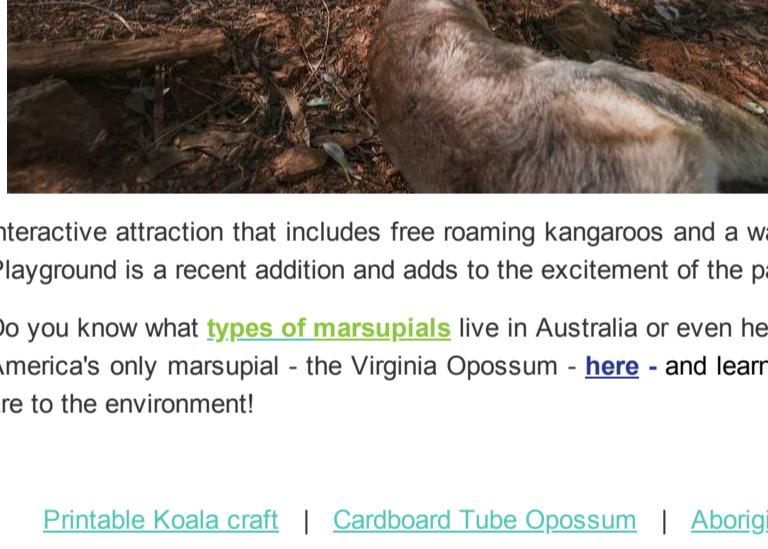
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Tamworth is home to one AMAZING playground! This playground has it all, in fact, there is so much that we can't even tell you about it all in this short email! The playground is designed to be fun for the whole family, of all ages. There are specific play areas designed for toddlers, children, teens, adults, and even grandmas and grandpas. That way the whole family can play, splash, exercise, climb, and relax, all in the same area. Would you like to know more? [Check it out!](#)

Let's have some playground fun of our own! Nashville is home to some really amazing playgrounds as well! Below is a list of some great ones, but we know there's more! Maybe this list will have some you haven't tried before. Are there playgrounds you'd add? Would you like to build a playground in your backyard? Playgrounds don't have to be full of fancy equipment, they can be simple and still really fun! Check out the link below for some ideas to build your own fun (and inexpensive!) playground in your own backyard. Maybe you and your parents can do it together!

[Fun Playgrounds Around Nashville](#) | [Build your own playground out of found objects](#)



## MARSUPIAL PARK

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What is a [marsupial](#) you ask? Marsupials are animals that have pouches for their babies! And in Tamworth, you can get to know the animals native to Australia by visiting their award-winning Marsupial Park! At this park, there's more than just kangaroos! The Tamworth Marsupial Park and Adventure Playground is an

interactive attraction that includes free roaming kangaroos and a walk-in bird sanctuary. The Adventure Playground is a recent addition and adds to the excitement of the park!

Do you know what [types of marsupials](#) live in Australia or even here in Nashville? You can read about America's only marsupial - the Virginia Opossum - [here](#) - and learn just [how important](#) these animals are to the environment!

[Printable Koala craft](#) | [Cardboard Tube Opossum](#) | [Aboriginal Art - Kangaroo Dot Painting](#)



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## POWERHOUSE MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

Do you love vehicles? Another thing that Nashville and Tamworth have in common is that they are both home to legendary collections of vintage vehicles. In Tamworth, the [Powerhouse Motorcycle Museum](#) is home to over 50 restored motorcycles from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. The museum is a love affair between its owner and vintage motorcycles, and showcases just some of his over 200 bike collection. Maybe you can't get to Tamworth right now, but Nashville has its own version of vintage transportation. [Lane Motor Museum](#) on Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville has a very similar concept, but with the focus being on cars instead of motorcycles. Both can be toured virtually from here! See the videos below!

[Virtual Tour of the Powerhouse Motorcycle Museum](#)

[Virtual Tour of the Lane Motor Museum](#) | [Lane Motor Museum: Nashville](#)

## ~ LET'S EAT: AUSTRALIAN CUISINE! ~

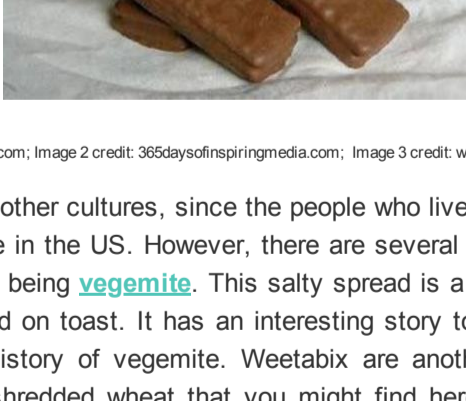


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Australian food is full of food of other cultures, since the people who live there come from a long line of immigrants, just like here in the US. However, there are several things that are iconic to Australian culture: One of these being [vegemite](#). This salty spread is a key part of breakfast in Australia, as it is usually spread on toast. It has an interesting story too! Check out the video link below to hear about the history of vegemite. Weetabix are another staple of Australian breakfast, they are similar to shredded wheat that you might find here, but more like a hard biscuit.

A slightly sweeter side of Australia is [Tim Tam](#), which, happily, can now be found in Nashville stores like Kroger and Target! Tim Tam are chocolate covered malted biscuits that are usually surrounded by chocolate cream. They are definitely a delicious and fun treat!

Another Australian treat with an interesting history is the [Anzac biscuit](#). This sweet biscuit was a part of the efforts during World War I and World War II, but how is not completely clear. ANZAC, which stands for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, was established in World War I and the biscuits have long been associated with it. One story claims that the biscuits were sent to soldiers fighting in the war by family back home because the biscuits traveled well and wouldn't spoil easily. However, the competing story says that the biscuits were not sent abroad, but were eaten back home to save money and send more money to the war effort. No one knows the true story, but the biscuits are still popular today. Would you like to try and make them? Check out the recipe below!

[The Story of Vegemite](#) | [Anzac Biscuit: A History](#) | [Anzac Biscuit Recipe](#)

## ~ THANKS FOR JOINING US THIS SUMMER! ~

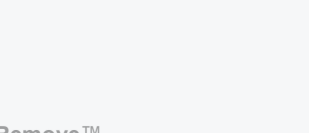
We hope you enjoyed this week's activities! Be sure and post pictures of your camp activities and tag us on Facebook (Sister Cities of Nashville) Instagram (@SCNashville) and Twitter (@SCNashvilleTN)! We can't wait to see all the fun you get up to!

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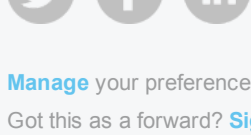
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