

# Facilities and Visitor Centre



## THE LIVING MUSEUM

*Melbourne's Living Museum of the West*

Australia's first Ecomuseum  
Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong

*Melbourne's Living Museum of the West is a community Museum which actively involves the people of Melbourne's West and others in documenting, preserving and interpreting the richness and depth of the region's social, industrial and environmental history.*



  
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# BLUESTONE BUILDINGS ALIVE

The offices, Visitor Centre, Resource Centre and Library of Melbourne's Living Museum of the West's are situated on the banks of the Maribyrnong River in Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong, a Parks Victoria Park.

The site that today comprises *Pipemakers Park* is of very considerable significance in the industrial history of Australia, from its use as a large boiling-down works in Victoria's early pastoral days, to its association with the makers of Australia's first steam locomotive, its contribution to the world's export meat trade as Australia's leading meat cannery for a decade and as Australia's first frozen meat export works, and its role as the principal Australian factory of the Hume firm which pioneered, and exported, the invention of centrifugally-spun steel-reinforced concrete pipes.

Today the buildings in *Pipemaker's Park* include the restored historic Bluestone buildings, Humes *Top Factory* as well as the *History of the Land Gardens*.

These facilities are available to hire for community and private events, functions and exhibitions that are relevant to our program and purposes.



*The History of the Land Gardens is used by staff to tell the story of Melbourne's west to*

# Facilities and Park

Pipemakers Park includes on site parking for up to 100 vehicles with security gates in and out of the park, several wetlands, walking trails and bbq facilities.



**The Living Museum Visitor Centre** facilities include: *kitchen, data presentation and film projection equipment and screen, projects office space, meeting rooms, printing, photocopying and wireless internet, computers, audio recording and video equipment. Living Museum Resource Centre, bookshop, library, photographic and oral history archives, publication archives including reports, heritage studies, historic maps and other documents.*

**Event and function equipment** includes seating and tables for more than 100 guests, portable PA and sound system, The Blue-stone building includes over 670 sqm exhibition and performance space (over 2 levels) with three phase power and secure storage.



The Living Museum Visitor Centre, Resource Centre, Library and Bookshop is situated in the Bluestone Buildings on the banks of the Maribyrnong River at Pipemakers Park.

To enquire about using the Bluestone Buildings or Visitor Centre for events, functions or exhibitions please contact Melbourne's Living Museum of the West and make an appointment to come and see the buildings and facilities.



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