

A well-equipped **Blacksmith Shop** was an important part of rural life – making and repairing machinery needed on the farm. You can see the Blacksmith at work on special days at the museum.

Our newest **Trevor Pascoe Pavilion** will showcase a collection of Australian inventions including the first harvester, stump-jump plough, G-Well Bag Loader, air blast orchard sprayer, Victor lawn mowers to the Hills Hoist and much more!

Gold Mining

From Lister & Tom's original find of payable gold at Ophir in 1851 to the huge present day mining operation in the Cadia Valley a few kilometres to the west, the history of the area is richly entwined with the story of gold discovery and mining. Museum objects like the Trunkey Creek gold stamper, pictures and displays explore this fascinating strand of the Australian story. The Cadia Theatre displays the heritage of Cadia Valley from iron and copper mining with pick and shovel to the huge Newcrest mines of today.



Golden Memories

Our golden memories live on in an unparalleled treasure trove of rich resources for the casual browser to the researcher alike.



OTHER SERVICES

We operate a well-stocked cottage of locally made and hand crafted items. Entry to the Craft Cottage is free during opening hours.

We have a large database of family history files and resources including an extensive photographic collection. Family history research is available for a fee.

We can also cater for your functions both on-site and off-site.

We have a busy community of volunteers across a large selection of committees and groups. Check out our website on how to become involved.

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Golden Memories Millthorpe Museum

COMMENTS FROM THE VISITOR'S BOOK

- A wonderfully presented piece of history.
- A truly remarkable collection, maintained in excellent condition.
- History at its best, well worth the visit.

Golden Memories Museum

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OPENING HOURS:

Open 10 am to 4 pm weekends,
also all school and public holidays, except Good
Friday and Christmas Day.

BOOKINGS & CATERING:

Tour, School and Family Groups are welcome
outside of normal hours by prior arrangement.
Lunch, morning & afternoon teas, guided museum
and village walks are available at reasonable rates.

Explore Millthorpe's History – It's People, Places and Objects

The Millthorpe and District Historical Society own and operate the Golden Memories Museum situated in the historic listed, Millthorpe Village. The Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2015. The grounds cover an area of approximately 6 town blocks and incorporate 9 buildings and other outdoor displays. Allow one to two hours to explore the complex.

- **Social History**
- **Pioneering Families, Groups, Institutions and Businesses**
- **The story of gold from John Lister (co-discoverer of gold in the region) to Cadia Mine operations**
- **An amazing display of rural machinery from local farms, orchards, industry, mining and businesses**
- **A unique local Aboriginal Wiradjuri display**
- **An operational blacksmiths shop**
- **Collection of Australian inventions**
- **Interpretive and interactive equipment**

Historic Buildings & Fascinating Stories

The **Good Templars Hall** was built in 1881 and has been the centre of the museum's complex since 1965. Inside are many treasures: Victorian & Edwardian period pieces, history of gold in the area and John Lister display, Wiradjuri history and several 19th and 20th century room recreations.



The **Pioneers Gallery** was originally St Joseph's Convent School. It closed in 1969 and purchased by the Historical Society. You will find a Nun leading children in song as well as other information from its former role. The Millthorpe telephone exchange as well as other local business information and objects, pioneer portraits and war memorabilia are some of the other displays within this building.

The **Museum of Rural Technology** building houses an amazing collection of mining & orchard machinery, hay and chaff cutting gear, potato & pea harvesting machinery (important crops for Millthorpe) as well as shearing gear and a vast array of tools.



From butter churns to tools, tractors and more specialised equipment like the giant Pea Viner made in Niagara Falls, egg cleaner to wool press you'll get a feel for the life of our pioneering farmers.



The **Spring Grove Pavilion** has a permanent display of tractors and stationary engines: famous names like Ronaldson Tippett, Field Marshall, Allis Chalmers, Fordson and Ferguson are all there, many of them painstakingly restored. You will also be able to inspect our rare and somewhat imposing 1911 Clayton and Shuttleworth traction engine. Read about its history of local chaff cutting, crushing gold ore, driving a sawmill and clearing timber, to our acquisition and journey to the museum.