



CASE STUDY

Crago Fountain Restoration, Bathurst

Overview

The iconic Crago Fountain in Machattie Park, Bathurst has been carefully restored to preserve its historic charm and ensure it remains a treasured feature for future generations.

The restoration works were completed throughout the month of June and included rust and paint removal, repairs, replacement of damaged or missing elements, and a full repaint. The project was delivered by Carters Engineering, contracted by Bathurst Regional Council, with funding received through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

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System Featured:

A&I Coatings was proud to contribute to the restoration through the supply of a high-performance coating system featuring **Vitreset 419** and **Vitrephon 790**.

Project Details & Credits:

- Project: Crago Fountain Restoration
- Location: Machattie Park, Bathurst
- Council: Bathurst Regional Council
- Contractor: Carters Engineering
- Funding: Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Coating System: A&I Coatings Vitreset 419 and Vitrephon 790
- Official Reopening: 15 July 2025
- Reopened By: Mayor Cr Robert Taylor and Federal Member for Calare, Andrew Gee MP

Scope of Works:

As a historic public fountain exposed to the elements, the Crago Fountain required restoration and protection works to preserve its heritage character and visual appeal. The project included surface preparation, repairs to damaged areas, replacement of missing elements, and a full repaint to restore the fountain's presentation. The finished coating system was designed to provide long-term durability, strong protection against weathering, and lasting colour retention in a public outdoor environment.

Features & Benefits:

- Excellent adhesion and barrier protection for long-term asset preservation
- Exceptional UV resistance for exterior durability
- Outstanding colour and gloss retention
- High-performance fluoropolymer technology for long-lasting aesthetics
- Chemical and graffiti resistance
- Reduced lifetime maintenance requirements
- Suitable for both steel and concrete substrates
- Available in a wide range of colours and gloss levels

Typical Uses:

- Heritage restoration projects
- Fountains and water features
- Structural steel and architectural steelwork
- Bridges and transport infrastructure
- Facades, fascias, and feature structures

Project Outcome:

The restoration of the Crago Fountain successfully preserved one of Bathurst's valued heritage landmarks, restoring its appearance while improving long-term protection against the elements. Delivered by Carters Engineering on behalf of Bathurst Regional Council, the project included extensive refurbishment, repairs, and repainting to retain the fountain's historic character and intricate detailing.

Completed and officially reopened on 15 July 2025, the restored fountain now stands as a revitalised feature of Machattie Park, enhancing the experience for residents and visitors alike. A&I Coatings is proud to have contributed to this important community project, helping protect and preserve the landmark for future generations.



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