

Sorry - you won't be the first!

For, we trust, the last. Maitland and surrounding areas have provided a first class choice for filming in recent years.

From student productions, through to advertisements, TV, documentaries and feature films – all receive the same assistance and attention to requirements.

Rachel Ward found the experience very satisfying:



"Having recently filmed my short film "The Big House" in Maitland Gaol, I would like to offer my appreciation to the community of Maitland, Maitland City Council and the services

provided to us by local business and local crew.

What struck many of the Sydney based crew working on the film was how easy it was to get things done quickly, because, as we all know, "Time is Money", to use a cliché, it was an impressive effort from the community at large.

On behalf of our cast and crew, I extend my sincere thanks to all who assisted in our production."

Recent Maitland Gaol Filming Activities

Feature/Short Films:

Cedar Boys 2008
Submerged 2008
The Garden 2007
Braille 2006
Pussycat 2006
Devils Gateway 2006
Suburban Mayhem 2005
The Big House 2000

TV:

Real Prison Breaks 2008
Historic Gaol Stories 2008
Ralph TV 2007
True Stories 2005
The Unbelievable (Polish) 2005
Forensic Investigators 2004
Home and Away 2003 & 2006
Scream Test 2000

Advertisements and Videos:

Dale Duncan Music Vid 2006
A Town Called Lonely 2005
In the Desert 2004

Student Productions:

Sweet Marshall
Participate Film School 2008
Light Noise
Newcastle Uni 2008
History & Haunting of M/Gaol
Newcastle Uni 2006
The Body (for Tropfest) 2006
Closure
APA Inter'l Film School 2005
Maitland Grossmann High 2004
Mount View High School 2004

Maitland Gaol regularly supports the film industry by hosting student productions and assisting them with subsidised locations, authorisations and resourcing.

If you are looking for a location with a difference, Maitland should be your first call, with the following only a small selection of the array of choice that we offer:

Maitland Gaol ~ Morpeth historic village ~
Walka Water Works ~ South Maitland Railways ~
historic public & private buildings ~ streetscapes ~
river farmlands ~ parks and gardens

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The Filming Location of Choice



Maitland in Australia's Hunter Valley

*Maitland City Council
Proudly providing
the film industry
with access to:*



Overview

Maitland ~ built in an era of pride, prestige and prosperity, few places in Australia have so carefully and sensitively captured the essence of grace and style.

Yet Maitland is a fresh area, rich in character and provides a diversity of unique filming locations.

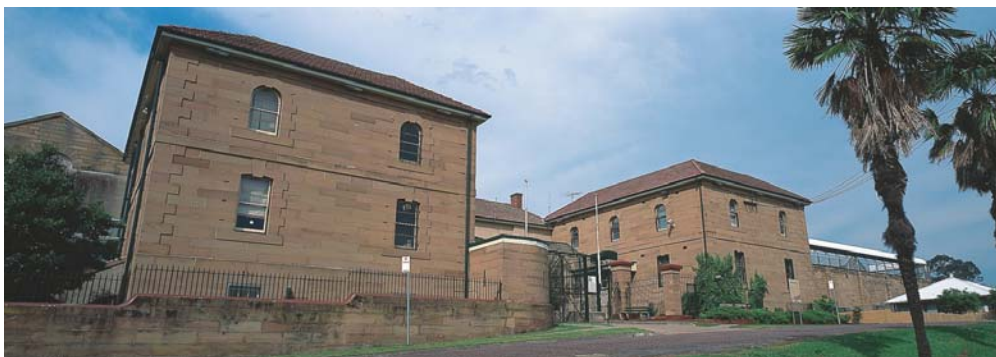
Recently the focus of much film activity due to its wealth of facilities and variety of locales, Maitland is regarded as an attractive place to film, to access local resources and to stay.

Centrally located within the Lower Hunter region, Maitland's quality position and film friendly administration make it the filming location of choice.

Maitland City Council not only recognizes the advantage of the film industry to its citizens, it controls a number of prime locations which can be made available when looking for that place with a difference.

Pride of place in those locations is Maitland Gaol, the only intact 19th and 20th century Correctional Institution available for location filming within New South Wales.

Our aim is to make your experience filming in the Maitland area as trouble free as possible by providing the right skills, support and resources, thereby contributing to your success.



Maitland Gaol

Originally opened in 1848, this classic sandstone walled maximum-security facility was constructed almost continuously during its 150 years as a Correctional Institution, the last building being completed in 1993.

Built on almost 2 hectares of land on the hill overlooking the township of East Maitland, the variety of structures within the facility makes it a unique location.

Whether you need contemporary cells and yards with modern security and visiting facilities, or solid sandstone structures built with convict labour and presenting the austere and eerie feel of a bygone era, Maitland Gaol has it within its foreboding walls. Exercise yards, guard towers and catwalks, industrial workshops, shower room, kitchen, administration facilities, razor wire, even a dentistry. We have it all.

Some even say we have ghosts! And there has been plenty of filming in Maitland Gaol with the paranormal as a theme.

But all this is of little use if the on-site staff and the administration do not understand and appreciate the unique nature of the film industry's needs, nor if location was the only facility that we had to offer you.



Filming in Maitland

Maitland City Council actively supports Screen Hunter Central Coast (SHCC) in its charter to attract the film industry to the Hunter.

We have developed a protocol in conjunction with the Department of Local Government and the NSW Film and



Television Office to facilitate film making in the Maitland area. This includes procedures for filmmaking, charges, consent for temporary structures and ease of access to site and facilities.

Access to these services can be discussed in the first instance either through the Marketing and Business Strategy Division of Council, or through Maitland Gaol direct. Maitland Gaol is represented by SHCC who is your one-stop-shop for all filming requirements in the Hunter. Check www.screenhuntercentralcoast.com.au.

And of course, in conjunction with SHCC, we can



also assist with access to other locations within the City of Maitland and the Hunter and other resources required for your production.