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## my Mayor's message

2017 has been an extraordinary year for Ballarat.

As a city, we celebrated the arrival of AFL in Ballarat, an event that attracted a crowd of about 11,000 footy fans with far-reaching economic benefits for our city's hotels, motels, restaurants and bars.

We also realised the opening of our magnificent, AFL-standard Mars Stadium – a \$21 million redevelopment, fully-funded by the State Government.

We held Australia's first regional White Night in March, attracting a 40,000-strong crowd to the streets of Ballarat to witness the city's renowned streetscapes and iconic buildings illuminated, and went on to secure our second White Night event for 2018.

We also held our much-loved Winter Festival, which attracted more than 110,000 people to Ballarat in the heart of winter – turning a traditionally slow period for our traders into a hive of activity.

I am deeply honoured to have served as Mayor during such an exciting, thriving time for our city, and feel incredibly privileged to have been re-elected Mayor for the year ahead.

The City of Ballarat has its eyes firmly set on achieving many big picture projects for Ballarat. Projects that will create jobs, attract investment, harness new technology and new energy, and build essential infrastructure - so Ballarat residents can enjoy the best possible standard of living and quality of life.

While we are making significant headway with projects, such as the Civic Hall restoration and the Ballarat West Employment Zone (BWEZ), we know much more needs to be done. With this in mind, I encourage you to read pages 6–7, to see how the Council and management team are advocating at a state and federal level for funding to achieve pivotal projects, from an Aviation Emergency Services Hub at Ballarat Airport to projects set to transform Ballarat's CBD.

2017 also marks the centenary of Maternal and Child Health services in Victoria. This year, we reflected on the importance of this free service to families in our region, as we planned for the opening of two new Maternal and Child Health centres at Lucas and Bonshaw. Read all about this service and discover more about one of our

Maternal and Child Health nurses, Ellen, on pages 16–17.

As this year draws to a close, what better way to cap off the year and launch into 2018 than with a fresh, new look for our myBallarat magazine. While the design may have changed, myBallarat magazine still features all the latest City of Ballarat news and information about services, arts and culture, events, and the environment – information that helps shape our day-to-day lives. We hope you enjoy reading this magazine as much as we enjoy bringing it to you with the changing of each season.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a happy New Year, and a safe holiday season.

I look forward to what the New Year will bring. In 2018, the City of Ballarat will continue to strive to achieve a better, brighter and more dynamic future for our magnificent city.



Mayor Cr Samantha McIntosh



## a green facelift for the Civic Hall

As the restoration of the Civic Hall's main hall gets underway, the outside of the building has taken on a new, green lease of life.

Meet Ballarat's new CBD urban park – Civic Plaza.

The plaza transforms the area outside the Civic Hall into a community space featuring 17 native and exotic trees, raised garden beds and seating, as well as asphalt with bluestone highlights.

Ballarat contractor S.H.A.E Enterprises was awarded the contract to landscape the area, which was completed and officially opened in late November.

The landscaped area, which is designed to connect to the Ballarat Library, will also eventually include a cafe and alfresco dining area.

In other developments at the site, designs have now been completed for the restoration of the Civic Hall, including upgrades to current building code requirements. Tenders have been requested for

construction contractors and work is expected to begin in early 2018.

The first stage of restoration focuses on the main hall and directly-related spaces, including the foyer, seating, amenities, stage, fly tower, and the space beneath the stage.

The works include the installation of modern fire protection, lifts, heating and cooling, plumbing and electrical services, as well as cleaning up and restoring the fabric of the building.

The restoration of the Civic Hall is expected to be complete in mid-2018.

The City of Ballarat is continuing to engage with the State Government to coordinate the proposed GovHub development – a new government office that will be home to 1,000 employees.



## Watch this space

**Designs put the bounce into Ballarat Sports and Events Centre**

Work on the \$24 million Ballarat Sports and Events Centre development is expected to begin in the New Year.

The design for the Dowling Street centre in Wendouree is complete, and tenders for the construction of the project will be awarded this Summer.

The redevelopment features a 3,000-seat show court, six additional community courts, café, amenities and facilities, plus more parking. The existing Wendouree Sports and Events Centre will operate throughout the construction phase.





## shaping the future of Ballarat's 'jewel in the crown'

Long-considered the heart and soul of Ballarat, a new Master Plan is set to shape Lake Wendouree's strategic direction for the next 20 years.

After almost two years of planning and community consultation, the Lake Wendouree Master Plan is almost complete.

The Final Draft of the Lake Wendouree Master Plan was placed on public exhibition for community consultation in September 2017, and submissions closed on 30 October. Those submissions will be considered for the preparation of the Master Plan, which will be presented to Council for adoption before the end of 2017.

The plan features:

- A review of community values and responses to potential projects through community consultation
- Key principles and recommendations for major themes, including landscape, environment and biodiversity, water quality, recreation,

events and activation, buildings and boatsheds, facilities and amenities, traffic management and car parking, access, and culture and history

- Precinct plans with detailed recommendations for 13 precincts of the lake foreshore, including the North and South Gardens
- A Key Improvements Plan, and
- An Implementation Framework.

The Master Plan is designed to preserve and improve features of Lake Wendouree that have historical, cultural, environmental and landscape significance, identify opportunities to enhance features, and outline principles and recommendations for future planning, design and development.

The plan supports several community projects, including the

Ballarat Fernery Redevelopment, community outdoor gym facilities, a modified version of a community lake hub, the Lake Wendouree lighting project, a Resting Place Sculptural Trail, and a Tramway Interpretive Centre.

Extensive public consultation has also extended the plan's reach to capture what the community loves most about the lake. These values will help guide any future decision-making at Lake Wendouree.

As one of the few lakes in Australia located in the centre of a major city, the plan will ensure the lake – an important piece of Ballarat's heritage - remains a valuable natural environment and open space asset for the community, that supports a wide range of recreational and aquatic sports, major events and tourist attractions.



- Lake Wendouree has a surface area of 238 hectares, a circumference of 6kms, and a capacity of 3,860 megalitres
- In 1838, the lake was a shallow reedy swamp that attracted kangaroos, emus, wombats, dingoes, cockatoos and parrots
- Scottish settler William Cross Yuille erected a hut at the edge of swamp in 1838, which became known as Yuille's Swamp
- Ballarat hosted the rowing, canoeing and kayaking events for the 1956 Olympic Games at Lake Wendouree.



## advocating for **Ballarat**

A City of Ballarat delegation recently visited Spring Street and Canberra to advocate for long-term priority projects vital to the Ballarat region's future.

City of Ballarat Councillors and management team met with State Government ministers and their Opposition counterparts at Parliament House in Melbourne in October to lobby for support for 28 major projects.

Mayor Cr Samantha McIntosh and CEO Justine Linley also took their lobbying to Canberra, advocating for eight of the high priority projects and initiatives.

# PRIORITY PROJECTS

### **Ballarat CBD**

Nine fully-scoped projects ready for delivery over four years and two large-scale transformational projects, the Bakery Hill Gateway and Integrated Transport.



### **Ballarat Link Road**

Duplication of Stage 1 of the Ballarat Link Road, between the Western Highway and Remembrance Drive, and construction of Stage 2 of the Ballarat Link Road, between Remembrance Drive and the Glenelg Highway.



### **BWEZ New Energy Future Package**

Three key elements of Ballarat's New Energy Package at Ballarat West Employment Zone's (BWEZ) New Energy Precinct, including a Ballarat Materials and Energy Innovation Centre (bME), a Waste to Energy Facility, and an All Waste Interchange.

### **Ballarat Materials and Energy Innovation Centre**

An investment in the Ballarat Materials and Energy (bME) Innovation Centre which will deliver research, enterprise incubation, knowledge transfer and technology development processes.

### **Integrated Rail**

Construction of an integrated rail link from the Murray Basin Rail Line to the Ballarat West Employment Zone, rolling stock investment, Wendouree Station Precinct infrastructure, and Warrenheip station development and parking, including dual line access.

### **Civic Hall/Gov Hub**

Supporting integration of Civic Hall with the GovHub project.



### **Ballarat City Deal**

To advance a long-term Ballarat City Deal.

### **Aviation Emergency Services Hub**

Development of an Aviation Emergency Services Hub (AESH) at the Ballarat Airport.





*Leading the way: City of Ballarat Councillors and management team on the steps of Parliament House, Melbourne.*

## Funding required

### Lights around Lake Wendouree

Lighting the Steve Moneghetti Track.

### Ballarat Railway Precinct

Progressing the precinct, investigating relocation of steam trains.

### National Motorsports Hub

To fund a National Motorsport Hub.

### Ballarat Sports and Events Centre

Construction of a strength and conditioning facility, and function room.

### Ballarat Library Community Hub and Heritage Centre

Developing a centre to create library space.

### Ballarat Health and Knowledge Precinct

Establish a Collaborative Centre of Excellence for Health, and invest in regional scale health services.

### Mars Stadium Stage 2

Deliver a multi-purpose stadium to seat 25,000 spectators.

### Ballarat Animal Shelter

Developing a state-of-the-art regional animal shelter facility.

### Improved funding model

A greater share of the tax dollar, in light of rate capping.

### Changes to Local Government Act

Determine when the new Local Government Act will be available, and how the State Government will support its implementation.

### Reducing red tape

A program to reduce regulation for businesses using City of Ballarat services.

### Home and Community Care Young Persons Program

Reinstate funding agreement and establish a working group.

### Shared services

To provide a flexible procurement system that supports shared services between Councils.

### Government decentralisation

Commitment to relocating another government department to Ballarat.

### Sovereign Hill beyond 50

Providing a world-class entry building, and major events building.

### Supporting Alstom

Supporting Alstom for future rail manufacturing opportunities.

### Wendouree, Miners Rest and Sebastopol redevelopments

Deliver Wendouree West Community Recreation Precinct redevelopment, transform M.R. Power Park in Sebastopol, and advocate for Miners Rest Community, Education and Sport Precinct.

### Ballarat Airport

Upgrading the Ballarat Airport.

### BWEZ finalisation

Developing Stage 1B of the Ballarat West Employment Zone and Intermodal Freight Hub.

### New Energy Futures

Seeking support for Ballarat and Grampians Region New Energy Futures campaign.



## Ballarat shines on world heritage stage

The City of Ballarat is renowned as an international leader for the way it safeguards and celebrates Ballarat's rich heritage.

Ballarat, the city built on gold, is experiencing a new gold rush era.

With the potential for Ballarat's population to hit 200,000 by 2040, the City of Ballarat is planning to manage future growth with a focus on safeguarding the city's heritage streetscapes and ambience.

The City of Ballarat joined the League of Historical Cities (LHC) in 1998 and became a board member in 2006. Ballarat now holds one of seven seats on the LHC board out of 113 member cities, and is only one of three Australian cities to be a member of the League.

City of Ballarat Mayor Cr Samantha McIntosh and CEO Justine Linley attended the two-day League of Historical Cities board of directors meeting in Bursa, Turkey, in September.

The City's membership of the LHC has provided significant direct and indirect benefits for our community over almost two decades, while Ballarat has also developed its

international reputation as a global leader in managing change in historic cities, and using the heritage and cultural assets of the city for the benefit of all residents.

The total economic benefits of being part of the LHC are estimated at about \$480,000.

This includes:

- Friendship City and other trade and manufacturing opportunities with international cities, such as Yangzhou in China
- hosting 200 international delegates at the LHC World Conference in 2006 - with economic benefits of \$145,000
- In-kind contributions from international research institutions - with economic benefits of \$100,000

### New heritage plan unveiled

The City of Ballarat has released its *Our People, Culture and Place: a plan to sustain Ballarat's heritage 2017-2030*.

The plan sets goals for the City of Ballarat and Ballarat community to work towards achieving the best outcomes for the region's heritage as the city grows and develops over the next decade.

It also helps deliver the vision set in *Today Tomorrow Together: The Ballarat Strategy (2015)*, which highlighted how important safeguarding Ballarat's heritage is to the community.

The heritage plan outlines three key areas – regeneration, celebrating and inspiring with Ballarat's stories, and managing change and safeguarding heritage.

It brings together findings from extensive stakeholder consultation and background studies, and also responds to feedback from the Ballarat community following consultation on the preliminary heritage plan, released in 2016.

For more information about the plan or to download a copy visit [mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au)



One of the greatest initiatives from Ballarat's involvement in the LHC has been the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) program.

The City of Ballarat was the first local government in the world to pilot UNESCO's HUL approach in 2013, which has transformed Ballarat's approach to dealing with change in our historic city, including

understanding the importance of heritage to our economy, industry sectors and community.

HUL also provides the methodology for a series of Local Area Plans, including Ballarat East, Reimagining Main Road, and the Miners Rest Heritage Trail.

Check out Ballarat's HUL website [hulballarat.org.au](http://hulballarat.org.au)





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## the economic Report Card

Shining the spotlight on retail in Ballarat.

Ballarat is the main shopping destination for our region of around 250,000 people. What's more, the city's retail market is forecast to increase - from \$2.7 billion to \$4.7 billion by 2031.

Ballarat's retail sector is our second largest employer - providing 5,300 local jobs. This number is expected to grow by almost 40% over the next 14 years.

To enable local businesses to capture the benefits of Ballarat's booming population, the City of Ballarat is planning ahead to cater for this growth.

The Activity Centre Strategy (2012) provides long-term planning for retail growth and identifies the CBD as Ballarat's principal retail precinct.

Other retail developments, such as the Delacombe Town Centre and Stockland Wendouree, are important to ensure a diversified retail offering to cater for Ballarat's growing market.

A total recent investment of \$70 million in these centres, including \$33 million for Delacombe Town Centre and \$37 million for Stockland Wendouree, shows strong investor and retail market confidence.

The City of Ballarat is listening to businesses and working to reduce red tape. The new Outdoor Dining and Trading Policy streamlines the permit process and cuts fees to encourage vibrant outdoor dining and trading areas in Ballarat.



## Ballarat CBD Fast Facts

- The CBD generates 51% of Ballarat's total retail spend and around 30% of Ballarat's retail jobs
- Ballarat is home to about 195,000sqm of retail floor space in the CBD, with projected demand for an additional 22,000sqm by 2030
- Tourism is a key driver of CBD retail. The City of Ballarat is proactively working to secure and deliver quality events for the Ballarat CBD
- Major tourism drawcard events, such as the Archibald Prize, White Night, Ballarat Winter Festival, Heritage Weekend and Fed Uni Cycling Australia Road National Championships (pictured below), have brought more than 150,000 visitors to our CBD over the past year
- Each of these visitors spends an average of \$107 per day – that's a direct injection of \$16.05 million



# Congratulations

youth awards

## Ballarat's young achievers take centre stage

Ballarat's outstanding young citizens have been recognised in the City of Ballarat's Youth Awards. The awards, which first began in 2005 by the City of Ballarat's Youth Councillors, are an opportunity to celebrate young people making a positive contribution to the community.

### The 2017 Youth Award winners are:

#### Leadership in the Arts Award

##### *Veronica Rogers*

A talented performer, Veronica studies with Gateway Studios, Jete Exploring Dance, Alex Meerbach, and Ballarat Centre of Music and the Arts, and has performed in BLOC and Ballarat National Theatre productions.

Veronica volunteers with the Ballarat Begonia Festival, the 3BA Christmas Appeal, and also at Jete Exploring Dance.

Veronica has excellent leadership skills, commits between seven and 18 hours a week to her craft, and dedicates her talents to enhancing the local community.

#### Challenge and Change Award

##### *Abbakr Ahmed*

Due to the South Sudanese civil war, Bakr fled to Australia in 2014 to create a better life for himself. He was granted a temporary visa in early 2014 and enrolled at a school in Melbourne.

After realising he needed to complete his VCE to go to university, Bakr moved to Ballarat and enrolled at Mount Clear College, successfully completing his VCE in 2016.

This year, Bakr was granted a full scholarship at ACU Ballarat to study a Bachelor of Nursing and a Bachelor of Paramedicine full-time.

Bakr has been an active member of the community – volunteering with the Melbourne Museum, Salvation Army, and Sovereign Hill, as well as attending a week-long leadership camp sponsored by Rotary.

#### Positive Leader Award

##### *Tabitha Byron*

A Damascus College student, Tabitha received five academic and endeavour awards in 2017. Tabitha is involved in the Yearbook Committee and the Wellbeing Group, where she creates initiatives to promote positive mental health around the school community, and helps mentor younger students as well as younger members of her karate club.

Talented in the performing arts, Tabitha is captain of the Damascus Choir, competes in the speech and drama sections at South Street, and stage-managed the school production earlier this year.

#### Leadership in Sport Award

##### *James Prebble*

Initially part of the coaching team at Damascus College, James helped establish the College's highly-successful rowing program.

James has coached for St Patrick's College and Ballarat and Clarendon College, as well as taking up a coaching role for the Wendouree boatshed's junior winter rowing and corporate programs.

After furthering his training, James is now a qualified personal trainer at Jett Fitness, where he continues to help others - volunteering to provide personal training sessions for kids at Scope.

#### Adult Ally, Volunteer Award

##### *Kristy Hughes-Steenhuis*

Kristy is the founder of Survivors of Suicide (SOS).

Kristy volunteers her time to help people stay safe in the community - and her passion for suicide awareness and prevention is outstanding.

Kristy runs support meetings for those bereaved by suicide and is continually striving to further support the community in a range of areas, including mental health and safety.

#### Adult Ally, Worker Award

##### *Mel Peters*

Mel provides a vital link between the Koorie community and Ballarat Police.

A strong and proud Koorie Yorta Yorta woman, Mel is a dedicated mum of four children and a police officer.

In her role as a police officer, Mel ensures young Koorie people feel safe when engaging with police. Mel supports Koorie youth to understand police processes, delivers cultural awareness training to police officers across Victoria, and participates at all Koorie events.





### **Brighter Future Award**

#### ***Giarn Carroll***

An active member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Giarn participated in the Oaktree Foundation State Summit as part of its Poverty Awareness Day.

During 2015, Giarn self-funded a trip to Timor Lesté as part of the Immersion Group, which raised \$20,000. In 2016, Giarn returned to Timor with her family to teach English and contribute medical supplies to the village of Remexio.

This year, Giarn began her gap year travelling to Central and South America, where she volunteered to help sick children in Peru, and assisted a turtle conservation program in Costa Rica.

Giarn will return to Peru and venture into the Solomon Islands this Summer to continue her volunteer work.

### **Youth Volunteer Award**

#### ***Tayla Moody***

For the past two years, Tayla has volunteered at the Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre (BALC) coaching gymnastics to children with special needs - providing opportunities to learn new skills in a fun environment.

Tayla, who works at Coaching Evolution Gymnastics Academy and Ballarat Gymsports, entered her own team in Relay for Life, called Breast Friends. She has already raised more than \$1,000, and hopes to double that figure before February.

It's a cause close to Tayla's heart after she lost her Auntie to breast cancer more than a year ago.

### **Group Project Award**

#### ***Western Bulldogs Leadership Program Care Drive 2017***

In 2017, five young Ballarat leaders - Amy Zuell, Daen Sadhai, Riley Caldwell, Hannah Farhall and Leeann Kitisarn - engaged with the Western Bulldogs Leadership Project to establish the WBLP Sock Drive.

After discovering socks were the most under-donated items, the team launched the drive and urged the local community to donate - receiving more than 1,400 pairs of socks for homeless people.

The team expanded its collection to include other essential items, such as gloves, beanies, coats and toiletries, and changed its name to the WBLP Care Drive.

The group is now working with the Soup Bus and other local services to distribute the collection to some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

### **Technology Award**

#### ***Shane Parkinson***

After undertaking a traineeship in Information Technology at Phoenix College, Shane has quickly advanced in the IT department to become a valued and knowledgeable member of the team.

At the age of 17, Shane shows maturity beyond his years, demonstrating a passion for IT and often goes above and beyond the call of duty.

### **City of Ballarat Award, Aged 12 to 17 years**

#### ***Jake Sbardella***

At only 12 years of age, Jake is dedicated to helping homeless people in Ballarat.

When Jake discovered he was too young to volunteer with the Soup Bus, he turned his attention to raising funds.

Jake designed and printed advent calendars featuring happy, positive sayings - selling his Happiness Calendars at markets and events, raising more than \$2,800.

Jake donated the funds to Anglicare, which purchased eight swags on his behalf, and donated \$1,960 to the Anglicare breakfast program, where Jake also helped serve breakfast.

### **City of Ballarat Award, Aged 18 to 25 years**

#### ***Mitch Burgess***

A loyal member of the FReeZA Sonika group, Mitch uses his passion for rap and music to inspire and educate young people in the Ballarat community.

Mitch runs Project Origin, a Ballarat program open to young people interested in advancing their music skills.

Mitch also tutors two teenagers from Berry Street with an interest in music. Earlier this year, Mitch took his rapping to the next level - winning Ballarat's FReeZA Push Start competition.



Federation University Student Connect Director Jeremie van Delft presents Dee Micevski, Women's Health Grampians, with the Crime Prevention Award.

## community safety Awards

The Community Safety Awards recognise the individuals, businesses, organisations and groups working to promote safety in the Ballarat community. Nominees included Ballarat Fire Brigade, Ballarat Pride Hub, and Ballarat Community Garden.

### The winners are:

#### **Improving Community Safety** *Food is Free Laneway*

Winner of the overall 2017 Community Safety Prize, receiving \$1,000 to progress the project.

Established in 2014, the Food is Free Laneway is an inclusive community space that encourages residents to donate their surplus fresh food, plus seeds and seedlings – providing access to healthy, high-quality, nutritious, safe and free food.

The laneway, which has up to 100 daily visitors, features food baskets and sharing tables, as well as small container gardens, a herb rack, compost bin, seed exchange options, a worm farm and citrus trees.

The laneway promotes organic and sustainable gardening, demonstrates how to garden in a small space, and teaches children about growing food. Importantly, it also produces a sense of safety in the community.

#### **Urban Design for Safe and Healthy Environments**

#### *Stockland Wendouree's Adult Change Facility*

Responding to feedback, Stockland Wendouree installed an adult change facility in September 2016.

The \$30,000 facility enables people with complex disabilities, and their carers, to access essential facilities in a user-friendly, safe and clean environment.

The facility features a height adjustable, adult-sized changing bench, a tracking hoist system, and has space for two people.

Stockland Wendouree partnered with Changing Places to complete the project. The centre also plans to create a quiet room and an inclusive playground.

#### **Crime Prevention**

#### *Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE)*

This initiative, led by Women's Health Grampians, promotes gender equality, respectful relationships and raising awareness - to increase the safety of women and children, and prevent violence before it occurs.

A regional partnership of 63 members, including organisations, networks and clubs, CoRE aims to promote communities that are safer for everyone.





## senior awards

# Recognising Ballarat's outstanding older residents

The City of Ballarat's Senior of the Year Awards acknowledge the work of local residents, aged 55 years and older, who make a significant contribution to the Ballarat community.



From L to R: City of Ballarat 2017 Senior of the Year Award winners Dr Tony Cole, Anne Tudor, Heather McCallum OAM, and Werner Oellering. Not in attendance: Kathleen Hobson.

### The 2017 Senior of the Year Award winners are:

#### Mayor's Award for Ballarat Senior of the Year

##### *Anne Tudor*

Anne, whose partner lives with younger onset dementia, developed the concept of Bigger Hearts – a project designed to build a dementia-friendly Ballarat.

A passionate advocate, Anne has educated local health and human services about the experiences of people living with dementia as well as their carers, and established a Ballarat Local Dementia Alliance.

Anne also played a major role in the Letters of Love and Dementia Campaign, while her work was pivotal in attracting Small Acts of Love – a national symposium on dementia and love to Ballarat in early 2017.

#### Ballarat Senior Achiever Award

##### *Dr Tony Cole*

For more than 30 years, Tony has made a positive difference to the cultural landscape of Ballarat.

Tony's dedication to the promotion of dance includes designing and building a range of infrastructure for productions showcased through the Royal South Street Eisteddfod.

An inspiration to all who know him, Tony's generosity extends to the donation of around 50 custom-made trophies each year, which are crafted at the Sovereign Hill foundry and are unique memoirs for recipients.

#### Ballarat Senior Achiever Award

##### *Heather McCallum OAM*

A retired hairdresser, Heather has dedicated more than 40 years of her life to the pursuit of other people's happiness and wellbeing.

Heather has been a volunteer for the City of Ballarat's Meals on Wheels program for 40 years, a volunteer with Vision Australia for 25 years, for which she received a Life Governor's Award, and she is a visitor and volunteer driver at Wendouree's Kelaston Nursing Home.

Heather also visits older, frail people in the community to cut and style their hair, contributing in a small yet incredibly meaningful way to the Ballarat community.

#### Ballarat Senior Achiever Award

##### *Werner Oellering*

Werner has made a major contribution to Miners Rest, developing the Committee for Miners Rest, which focuses on local community issues.

While Werner stepped down as president of the committee this year, he still holds an executive role, and is also involved in several other sub-committees and numerous community groups in the town.

#### Healthy Active Living Award

##### *Kathleen Hobson*

A member of the Friends of Ballarat Botanic Gardens Committee for 20 years, Kathleen's dedication to history and research spurred her to digitise more than 1,000 hand-transcribed records.

A key instigator of the development and publication of the pictorial history *An Eden of Loveliness: The Ballarat Botanical Gardens*, Kathleen was instrumental in the introduction of the BotaniKids program in 2007, which now introduces thousands of young people to the Gardens and to gardening.

Kathleen has been involved in community service groups in Ballarat for more than 50 years – she has worked with the Children's Play Group, the St Peter's Anglican Church Op Shop and Floral Festival.



## make a **splash!**

This Summer, beat the heat at the City of Ballarat's outdoor pools and water play spaces.

### EUREKA AQUATIC CENTRE

**At the time of print, the Eureka Pool was scheduled to open mid-December. Please visit [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au) for updates.**

**Where:** Stawell Street, Ballarat

**Features:** 50m and 25m outdoor pools, outdoor water play space, toddlers' pool, BBQ and picnic facilities, playground facilities

**Opening hours:** December to 31 March–Monday to Friday, 6.30am–7.30pm. Weekends and public holidays, 7.30am–7.30pm. Closed Christmas Day. Opening at 12pm on New Year's Day

1 to 15 April – Monday to Friday, 6.30am–5.30pm. Weekends and public holidays, 9am–5.30pm.

Admission Prices	Day	Season
Adults	\$5	\$210
Concession	\$4.20	\$176.40
Children (4 – 16 years)	\$4.20	\$176.40
Family	\$15	\$395
Children under 3	Free	

### BUNINYONG AQUATIC CENTRE

**Where:** Forest Street, Buninyong

**Features:** Solar-heated 25m outdoor pool, toddlers' pool, BBQ and picnic facilities

**Open:** 2 December 2017 to 3 March 2018

**Opening hours:** This centre operates with a hot weather policy – when the maximum temperature is below 23°C, the centre may close. In hot weather, the centre may open longer hours.

Non-school holidays – Monday to Friday, 3–7pm. Weekends and public holidays, 11am–7pm.

School holidays – Monday to Friday, 12–7pm. Weekends and public holidays, 10am–7pm. Closed Christmas Day. Opening at 12pm on New Year's Day

Admission Prices	Day	Season
Adults	\$5	\$90
Concession	\$4.20	\$63
Children (4 – 16 years)	\$4.20	\$63
Family	\$15	\$155
Children under 3	Free	





### BROWN HILL AQUATIC CENTRE

**Where:** Humffray Street North, Brown Hill

**Features:** Owned by the City of Ballarat and managed by the Brown Hill Progress Association, this centre features a 30m unheated outdoor pool, toddlers' pool, waterslide, BBQ and picnic facilities

**Open:** 2 December 2017 to 3 March 2018

**Opening hours:** This centre operates with a hot weather policy – when the maximum temperature is below 23°C, the centre may close. In hot weather, the centre may open longer hours.

Non-school holidays – Monday to Friday, 3–7pm.  
Weekends and public holidays, 11am–7pm.

School holidays – Monday to Friday, 12–7pm.  
Weekends and public holidays, 10am–7pm.

Admission Prices	Day	Season
Adults	\$4	\$70
Concession	\$3.50	\$50
Children (3–15 years)	\$2.50	
Children under 3	Free	
Spectator	\$2	
Family day pass	\$11	
Group rate 20+	\$2 per person	
Family, from 6 Dec		\$130
Family, from 1 Jan		\$100
Family, from 1 Feb		\$60

### MIDLANDS AQUATIC PLAY SPACE

**Where:** Doveton Street North, Ballarat North

**Features:** Children's aquatic play facilities, BBQ, bike rack, shade and seating

**Open:** 4 November 2017 to 1 April 2018

**Opening hours:** 9am–9pm daily.  
Closed Christmas Day

**Cost:** Free

### BALLARAT AQUATIC AND LIFESTYLE CENTRE (BALC)

Too much sun? Visit the Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre, in Gillies Street North, and take a dip in the 50m indoor pool, 25m pool, heated rehab pool and toddlers' pools.

### BLACK HILL AQUATIC CENTRE

**Where:** Chisholm Street, Black Hill

**Features:** Solar-heated 25m outdoor pool, toddlers' pool, diving board, BBQ and picnic facilities

**Open:** 2 December 2017 to 3 March 2018

**Opening hours:** This centre operates with a hot weather policy – when the maximum temperature is below 23°C, the centre may close. In hot weather, the centre may open longer hours.

Non-school holidays – Monday to Friday, 3–7pm.  
Weekends and public holidays, 11am–7pm.

School holidays – Monday to Friday, 12–7pm. Weekends and public holidays, 10am–7pm. Closed Christmas Day.  
Opening at 12pm on New Year's Day

#### Diving board opening hours:

Non-school holidays – Monday to Friday, 5–7pm.  
Weekends and public holidays, 12–2.30pm and 4.30–7pm.

School holidays – Monday to Friday, 12–3pm and 4–7pm. Weekends and public holidays, 12–2.30pm and 4.30–7pm.

Admission Prices	Day	Season
Adults	\$5	\$90
Concession	\$4.20	\$63
Children (4 – 16 years)	\$4.20	\$63
Family	\$15	\$155
Children under 3	Free	

### SEBASTOPOL AQUATIC PLAY SPACE

**Where:** Victory Park, Vickers Street, Sebastopol

**Features:** Children's aquatic play facilities, shade and seating

**Open:** 4 November 2017 to 1 April 2018

**Opening hours:** 9am–9pm daily.  
Closed Christmas Day

**Cost:** Free



*Want to know more?*  
Visit [ballarataquaticcentre.com](http://ballarataquaticcentre.com)



*Baby steps: Maternal and Child Health nurse Ellen Conroy talks with mother Clare Brown, and her children, Leni, Tex and Freddie at the Buninyong Maternal and Child Health centre.*

## celebrating a **century of Maternal and Child Health**

For 100 years, Maternal and Child Health services have been making sure Victorian families get the best start in life. In 2018, the City of Ballarat Maternal and Child Health service is expanding to two new centres, as it continues to provide invaluable support and assistance to more than 8,000 children and their families.

While Maternal and Child Health services may have evolved over the past century in Victoria, one vital element hasn't changed – this service continues to help families raise happy, healthy and resilient children.

The City of Ballarat's Maternal and Child Health service provides essential care for about 8,300 children in the Ballarat municipality, and each year welcomes 1,350 new babies.

In 2018, the City of Ballarat will open two new Maternal and Child Health

centres at the Lucas Community Hub and the Bonshaw Early Learning Centre – taking the total number of local centres to six.

This free health service provides important developmental and physical assessments on children, from birth to school age.

Maternal and Child Health nurses are qualified midwives, who have also completed Maternal and Child Health training. They can provide information on breastfeeding, child growth and development, nutrition, sleep and settling, child behaviour, early learning

activities, adjusting to parenting, immunisation, and much more.

The service provides parents and their children with specialist referrals to other agencies and health services for assistance with speech therapy, developmental concerns, postnatal depression and physical health issues.

Maternal and Child Health also offers flexible consultations for parents concerned about their personal safety and relationships, and supports the needs of at-risk children.





**City of Ballarat Maternal and Child Health nurse Ellen Conroy chats about her 17-year career in this specialised nursing field.**

### **Why did you choose a career as a Maternal and Child Health nurse?**

I enjoy working in the community. I love meeting lots of families who are enjoying their children. I can share in the wonder of their child's achievements while supporting them with all their new responsibilities as parents.

### **What does a Maternal and Child Health nurse do?**

Maternal and Child Health nurses screen and refer children and families for any help they may require with their own health, which can impact the entire family. This may be extra support and assistance with raising their child, including assisting them with feeding difficulties for their baby or counselling to help them with adjusting to parenthood.

Maternal and Child Health nurses conduct developmental and physical assessments on children aged 0 - 6 years to ensure they are achieving their potential, and can also provide referral to appropriate organisations, such as feeding clinics, lactation consultants, physiotherapists and speech therapists.

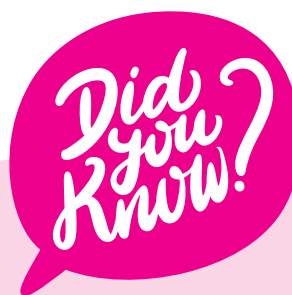
There is also a role in supporting the child's early learning through linkages to children's services, libraries, playgroups and kindergarten programs.

### **What do you love most about working as a Maternal and Child Health nurse?**

I love seeing the children from babies through to 3.5 years - watching them develop their personality, understanding the family's needs and guiding the parents through a trusting partnership. I also enjoy facilitating new parent groups for first-time parents, and watching the growth and development of families.

### **What else should residents know about this service?**

If parents have a concern about their child, they are welcome to contact the Maternal and Child Health service. We can provide additional consultations via telephone, through attendance at a centre, or sometimes at home. All children are encouraged to take up the free key age and stage visits - these offer a great opportunity to have a chat about your child and your family.



- The City of Ballarat has four Maternal and Child Health centre sites - Girrabanya, Sebastopol, Buninyong, and Cooinda in Wendouree, and is opening two new sites at Lucas and Bonshaw
- The City of Ballarat has two Maternal and Child Health outreach programs, staffed by social workers and Maternal and Child Health nurses, and provides drop-in clinics at Parent Place and UFS Bridge Mall - with two Saturday morning clinics each month
- The City of Ballarat service enrolls about 530 first-time parents and provides 240 parenting group sessions each year
- It also provides 350 hours of phone consultations, 1,350 health referrals, 11,500 key age and stage visits, including 1,280 home visits to newborns
- The City of Ballarat's Maternal and Child Health centres are open weekdays from 9am-4.30pm, and can be contacted for an appointment through the Families and Children's central booking system on 5320 5720.

*Girrabanya centre pictured below*





## GET THE JAB **free Meningococcal W vaccination**

The City of Ballarat has provided free Meningococcal W vaccinations to Year 10, 11 and 12 students in Ballarat in 2017.

Through the School Immunisation Program, the City of Ballarat's Immunisation Service has visited all secondary schools in Ballarat, as well as ACU, Fed Uni – SMB campus, Link Up and other educational locations.

Students who missed the vaccination at school, or young people aged 15 to 19 who are not enrolled at a local secondary school, are encouraged to call the Immunisation Service on 5320 5850 for an appointment.

The free Meningococcal W program finishes on 31 December, 2017.

### Immunisation session times:

Location: Girrabanya, Steinfeld Street, Ballarat

Open clinics - no appointment necessary

- Wednesday 6 December, 1.30–4.30pm
- Saturday 9 December, 9am–12pm
- Wednesday 13 December, 1.30–4.30pm
- Wednesday 20 December, 1.30–4.30pm

The Phoenix, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Please call 5320 5850 for enquiries and bookings.

*Did you know?*

- The Meningococcal W vaccine is a four-in-one combined (one injection) vaccine for protection against Meningococcal A, C, W and Y strains.
- Young people are at increased risk of contracting Meningococcal bacteria.



## Parent Place

**Free, family-friendly drop-in centre in Ballarat's CBD**

*Run by the City of Ballarat and supported by an energetic and passionate team of volunteers, Parent Place provides a welcoming and safe toy-filled environment for parents, carers, and their children.*

- Change and feeding facilities • maternal and child health support  
• lactation consulting • playgroups • story time
- general support and information about child care, family day care, kindergarten, playgroups, immunisation • free wi-fi

Like Parent Place – Ballarat on Facebook to keep up-to-date with Parent Place events and programs

**Open 9am – 5pm weekdays**



🏠 Corner Sturt and Albert Streets, Ballarat  
☎ 5320 5165 🌐 [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

## Kindergarten registration

Don't forget to register your child in three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2018.

The City of Ballarat's online registration process enables families to submit a single registration form, with three preferences, for 28 kindergartens across Ballarat.

Register online at [kinder.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://kinder.ballarat.vic.gov.au)



### Want to know more?

Paper application forms are available at The Phoenix, 25 Armstrong Street South, from Parent Place, corner Sturt and Albert Streets, and from local Ballarat kindergartens, Early Years Management Service, Ballarat Libraries, and the City of Ballarat's Maternal and Child Health centres.





## building Ballarat Link Road

Construction of the Ballarat Link Road, Stage 1B, is underway.

The \$38 million project, fully funded by the State Government, includes planning of the entire 16km road corridor between the Western Freeway and Midland Highway and construction of Stage 1, between Remembrance Drive in Alfredton and Airport Road in Mitchell Park.

Stage 1B of the project features construction of a 2.5km two-lane road, connecting Remembrance Drive and Liberator Drive, at the Ballarat West Employment Zone (BWEZ), near the intersection of Ring Road and Trewin Street.

This major project includes a rail overpass of the Ballarat-Ararat Railway, combined wildlife crossing and drainage crossing for Mullawallah Wetlands.

It also includes traffic lights at the intersection of Remembrance Drive and Dyson Drive and Gregory Street West and Ring Road, plus construction of shared walking and cycling paths along with earthworks, services relocation, drainage, lighting and landscaping.

The City of Ballarat is delivering this stage of construction via a contract with Winslow Constructors.

This significant project is scheduled to be completed and open to traffic by mid-2018.

### Project update

Works to salvage, assess and record the Indigenous cultural heritage along the alignment have finished, enabling civil works to begin, while earthworks are also forging ahead.

Progress on the rail overpass of the Ballarat-Ararat railway line has advanced, with bridge beams lifted into position.

As part of the works, six large beams have been placed across the rail line - each weighing about 60 tonne and measuring 30.2m x 2.89m in size.

Drainage and services relocation works are also underway at the Gregory Street and Ring Road roundabout.



### Want to know more?

Call the City of Ballarat's Customer Service on 5320 5500 or visit [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

## CITY OF BALLARAT ROAD WORKS

### December

- Trewin Street, Wendouree (Stage 2, Ring Road to Caravan Street) – road reconstruction, drainage and asphalt pavement works
- Ring Road, Wendouree, Learmonth Road to McKenzie Drive – road pavement reconstruction, concrete kerb and channel, drainage works.
- Magpie Road and Docwra Street intersection, Sebastopol – road reconstruction and traffic management works
- Hillview Road, Brown Hill – road pavement reconstruction, stormwater drainage, kerb and channel works
- Talbot Street South, La Trobe Street to Sebastopol Street – road pavement widening, asphalt paving, intersection kerb and channel works.

### January and February

- Haddon-Windermere Road to Les Draffins Road – pavement stabilisation and sealing, road shoulder grading and drainage works
- Pickfords Road, Coghills Creek, Glendonald Road to Drifes Road – road reconstruction and drainage works
- Heinz Lane, Golf View Drive to railway line – road reconstruction, kerb and channel, and footpath reconstruction works
- Duggan Street, Brown Hill – road reconstruction, kerb and channel works
- Balyarta Street, Alfredton – road reconstruction, kerb and channel replacement
- Cambridge Street, Wendouree, Grandview Grove to Dowling Street – road reconstruction, kerb and channel replacement
- Alexander Avenue, Wendouree – road reconstruction and traffic management works.

Residents and businesses directly affected by these projects will receive letters from the City of Ballarat with details of the location and the impact of the works. Remember to approach road work areas with caution and obey speed restriction signs.



*Did you know?*

## *new facility* **Lucas Community Hub**

The Lucas Community Hub is set to open its doors this January. The \$4 million state-of-the-art facility will improve the lives of families in this growing community.

Meet one of Ballarat's newest community facilities.

The Lucas Community Hub at Coltman Plaza features three Maternal and Child Health consulting rooms, and an extra consulting room for visiting services, such as family support services.

It includes two kindergarten rooms providing three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten, which will be operated by YMCA Ballarat. It also features a multi-purpose community meeting space with a kitchen to accommodate activities and services, and two additional meeting rooms.

Built by Nicholson Construction, the design of the facility showcases Ballarat's history, with elements of the Ballarat Tartan and 'the Lucas girls' thread throughout the building.

The City of Ballarat has provided \$2.4 million towards the project and the State Government has contributed \$1.6 million.



### *Want to know more?*

The Lucas Community Hub's large community meeting space and meeting rooms are available for hire, for both casual and regular bookings.

The City of Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for use of the rooms. For more information, contact Amy Treyvaud, Stakeholder Engagement Officer, on 5320 5720 or [amytreyvaud@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:amytreyvaud@ballarat.vic.gov.au). For Maternal and Child Health appointments or kindergarten registration enquiries, call 5320 5720 or enrol at [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

### **The Ballarat Tartan**

The Art Gallery of Ballarat designed the Ballarat Tartan.

Endorsed by the Mayor of Ballarat and registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans (No. 10988) as a regional tartan, the tartan features dark grey, deep blue, the white of the stars of the Southern skies, and a thread of gold.

### **The Lucas girls**

Lucas is named after textile company owner Elly Lucas and her employees, known as 'the Lucas girls', and their legacy for Ballarat – the Avenue of Honour and Arch of Victory, which leads to Lucas.

Between 1917 and 1919, 500 E Lucas & Co employees planted thousands of trees along the Ballarat Avenue of Honour, and raised thousands of pounds for construction of the Arch of Victory.





Bonshaw Early Learning Centre

## new and upgraded facilities

### Bonshaw Early Learning Centre – Morgan Street, Sebastopol

The centre features two kindergarten rooms with 66 places, two Maternal and Child Health consulting rooms, and a community meeting room.

The centre was constructed off-site by ARKit Pty Ltd and will be completed in early 2018.

**Cost:** \$1.6 million – fully funded by the State Government.

### Sebastopol Library – Albert Street, Sebastopol

Works will begin this Summer to renovate and expand the Sebastopol Library.

The project will deliver a refurbished library space and new furniture, increased accessibility at entrances, a new library office area, multiple meeting spaces, two refurbished Maternal and Child Health consulting rooms, two large community meeting rooms, outdoor areas, a children's play space, and a 24-hour accessible public bathroom. The project will be completed in 2018.

**Cost:** \$2.95 million, with \$1.7 million funded from the City of Ballarat, and \$1.25 million from the State Government's Living Libraries Program.

### Her Majesty's Ballarat – Lydiard Street, Ballarat

From late December, Her Majesty's Ballarat will close its doors for conservation works designed to extend the life of one of Ballarat's significant creative and cultural assets.

The project includes deterioration prevention works, fire safety upgrades, a stormwater system upgrade, and internal plaster and paint conservation works.

The venue will be closed to the public throughout the works, which are expected to take several months.

Her Majesty's Theatre will present performances at alternate Ballarat venues while works are underway.

**Cost:** \$2 million - fully funded by the State Government's Living Heritage Grants Program.



### Wendouree West Recreation Reserve Safety Activation Project

The Wendouree West Recreation Reserve, *pictured above*, is set to be upgraded.

Walking and cycling paths, public art, playground equipment, park furniture, lighting and power upgrades, CCTV installation, tree planting and landscaping will promote an accessible and liveable space that improves safety and boosts community participation.

The project will be completed by April.

**Cost:** \$250,000 – jointly funded by the Department of Justice and Regulation's Public Safety Infrastructure Fund and the City of Ballarat.



## what's in the works?

Take a look at what's taking shape in Sports and Recreation.



### Buninyong Recreation Reserve

Surface and drainage works to create a more sustainable playing surface are expected to be finished in January 2018. The work is being delivered by Pitchcraft Australia.

**Cost:** \$500,000, including \$450,000 from the City of Ballarat and \$50,000 from the State Government, as part of the 2016/17 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund – Minor Facilities.



### City Oval redevelopment and lighting upgrade

Works have begun on the oval reconstruction, which features new sub-surface drainage, an automatic irrigation system, new turf, plus new oval fencing. A major lighting upgrade will provide new lighting towers and lighting upgraded to

semi-professional level, to enable local night matches to be played. Both projects are expected to be completed in time for the start of the Ballarat Football Netball League Season in April 2018.

**Cost:** \$1.6 million – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.





*Works underway at the City Oval.*

### Eastern Oval upgrade

This project will establish the Eastern Oval as a regionally-significant cricket venue for Ballarat. The project includes a new turf wicket training facility, oval lighting upgrade to Cricket Australia Class II standard (average 300 lux outfield and 500 lux centre wicket), two redeveloped unisex change-rooms, and oval resurfacing. Construction of the turf cricket nets, oval resurfacing and change-room upgrades are expected to be completed by March.

**Cost:** \$2 million, including \$1.5 million from the City of Ballarat and \$500,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria, as part of the Community Cricket Program: On Common Ground Regional Priority Projects.

### Warrenheip Multisport and Activity Hub

The project will feature two multisport hard courts line-marked

for tennis, basketball and netball at the Warrenheip Hall Reserve, creating a new home for the Warrenheip Tennis Club. Works are expected to begin in late 2017.

**Cost:** \$350,000, including \$240,000 from the City of Ballarat, \$100,000 from the State Government, as part of the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund – Minor Facilities, \$5,000 from the Warrenheip Tennis Club, and \$5,000 from Tennis Australia.

### Lighting upgrades at Western Oval, Doug Dean Reserve and White Flat

Each lighting project features the installation of a new four pole lighting system, lit to the AFL minimum training standard of 100 lux. The Doug Dean Reserve project also includes consolidation and upgrade of the power supply. The project is expected to be completed by April.

**Cost:** The Western Oval project costs \$250,000, including

\$200,000 from the City of Ballarat and \$50,000 from the State Government, as part of the Country Football Netball program. The Doug Dean Reserve project costs \$325,000, including \$250,000 from the City of Ballarat and \$75,000 from the State Government, as part of the 2017/18 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund – Minor Facilities. The White Flat project costs \$250,000, including \$200,000 from the City of Ballarat and \$50,000 from the State Government, as part of the Country Football Netball Program.

### City Oval lawn bowls boost

Sports Turf Curators are delivering this project to replace the old green with a new turf bowling green, including drainage and irrigation systems, perched water table profile and couch turf playing surface. The green is expected to be ready for use in March.

**Cost:** \$350,000 – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.



*The new CE Brown cricket nets*

Check out which Sports and Recreation projects have been completed.

### **Victoria Park Cycling Criterium**

On your bike! The new 1.2km asphalt road/cycling track in Victoria Park is finished, and is already being embraced by Ballarat cyclists and cycling competition organisers.

**Cost:** \$125,000 – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.

### **CE Brown cricket net upgrades**

The outdoor cricket nets have been relocated as part of the expansion of the Ballarat Sports and Events Centre. The project includes five fully-enclosed cricket nets with retractable netting, and an extra net for public use.

**Cost:** \$350,000 – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.

### **Llanberris Netball Centre outdoor court lighting**

The installation of new 200 lux court lights on two outdoor netball courts is finished. This lighting ensures the courts are compliant with lighting standards and safety requirements.

**Cost:** \$100,000 – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.

### **Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Centre bathroom upgrade**

Complete refurbishment of toilets, showers and change-rooms in time for the Australian Masters Tournament, held in September 2017.

**Cost:** \$120,000 – fully funded by the City of Ballarat.

### **Central Highlands Water – outdoor water stations**

New outdoor water stations have been installed at the Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre (BALC), Mars Stadium, Midlands Aquatic Playspace, Sebastopol Aquatic Playspace, and the Eureka Aquatic Centre.

**Cost:** The stations were supplied by Central Highlands Water and installed by the City of Ballarat.



### *Want to know more?*

Like @BallaratCityCouncil on Facebook to stay up-to-date with Sports and Recreation projects.





## local plans for local communities

As a key initiative of Ballarat's long-term plan for growth to 2040 – *Today Tomorrow Together: The Ballarat Strategy*, the City of Ballarat is committed to delivering local area and township plans for local communities.

### The Miners Rest Plan: Our Township Towards 2040

#### Work on The Miners Rest Plan:

Our Township Towards 2040 is progressing, with extensive community consultation taking place on the Issues and Opportunities Paper in October.

More than 40 people gathered at two community workshops held at the Miners Rest Community Hall, including 12 students from the Miners Rest Primary School. A workshop was also undertaken with the Junior School Council.

Internationally-awarded facilitation expert Max Hardy led participants through a range of activities, including an online polling session designed to better understand community feelings around future growth of Miners Rest, how residential development could and should occur, and how a future town centre could look and feel.

Through a marketplace-style session, attendees were also invited to explore topics, such as heritage assets, parklands, shared path connections, and the potential expansion of the primary school.

### Grants for the community

The City of Ballarat granted more than \$82,000 to local not-for-profit community groups in the first round of the 2017/2018 Community Impact Grants program.

The second round of the Community Impact Grants program closed on October 31, while the third round will open on 1 February and close on 28 February 2018.

Recipients include:

- Ballarat Wholefoods Collective - enhancing the shopping experience, \$3,329
- Brown Hill Cricket Club – furniture replacement project, \$9,000
- Golden City Paddle Steamer – skipper training, \$7,356
- Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society – chair replacement project, \$2,095
- Ballarat and District Multiple Birth Association – playgroup revamp, \$1,877
- Friends of Learmonth – The Learmonth Thunderer newsletter, \$6,246
- Sebastopol Fire Brigade – historical records project, \$8,053

- Cardigan Village Community Centre Committee of Management – community room fit-out project, \$6,720
- Ballarat Region Indonesian Community – office equipment project, \$2,580
- Ballarat Toy Library – revitalising the toy library, \$6,710
- Probus Club of Ballarat South – computer equipment, \$1,280
- Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre – coffee skills training program, \$5,549
- Ballarat Highland Dancing Society – Save Ballarat Highland Dancing project, \$6,621
- Fishcare Central Highlands – trailer maintenance project, \$468
- Buninyong/Mt Helen Lions Club – new community BBQ trailer, \$4,999
- Ballarat Lyric Theatre – set construction project, \$8,450
- Probus Club of Ballarat North – laptop computer and printer project, \$1,295
- Ballarat West Probus Club – update computer and projector, \$700.



## Christmas in **Ballarat**

Deck the halls - the spirit of Christmas will be alive in Ballarat again this year.

Ballarat's CBD will once again be transformed for the festive season with a host of decorations, creating a magical Christmas streetscape.

The floral and topiary Christmas decorations, including the return of crowd favourite – Rudolph and Santa's reindeers – will feature alongside a range of new installations.

This year, the City of Ballarat will introduce an interactive Christmas art walk, which will feature a series of street art projects at 12 different locations throughout the Ballarat CBD, for people to engage with and photograph.

A festive diorama will also get the city talking. This special Christmas-themed scene, built inside a shipping container, will take centre stage at the Grenville Street end of the Bridge Mall.



### **Ballarat Carols**

**Sunday 17 December, 7.30pm**  
**North Gardens Reserve, Lake Wendouree**

The Ballarat community is invited to an evening of singing along to traditional Christmas Carols at the annual Ballarat Carols.

Each year, thousands of people flock to the Carols to raise their voices in song at this yuletide, family event.

Don't forget to pack a rug or chairs and some warm clothing.

Stay up-to-date with the Ballarat Carols, presented by Ballarat Churches, on Facebook or call 5331 1079.

## JAZZ

**COMES TO TOWN**  
**26–31 December**

Ballarat will come alive with the sound of jazz between Christmas and New Year, when up to 1,000 musicians and delegates attend the 72nd Australian Jazz Convention.

While a convention for jazz musicians, lovers of jazz are encouraged to enjoy the vast presentation of jazz music on offer at programmed performances spanning eight venues in the CBD.

The convention first began in 1946 and is now the longest continually-run event of its kind in the world.

Soak up the country's best jazz with a \$30 day pass, available either online, at Her Majesty's Ballarat, or at the Convention's information centre, based at the Mining Exchange throughout the event.

Visit [2017jazzconvention.org.au](http://2017jazzconvention.org.au) or email [info@ballarat.events](mailto:info@ballarat.events) for more information.



# December event calendar

Post your event details to the City of Ballarat online calendar at [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

It's a great way to promote your event free of charge.

**1-17**

## On Shaky Ground

Exhibition of photographs by Chris Crossley  
Backspace Gallery, Huyghue House @ Alfred Deakin Place  
Open Thursday to Sunday, 12-4pm

**Friday  
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## Christmas Fest by the Lake

Pleasant Street Primary School  
Lake Wendouree [christmasfestballarat.com.au](http://christmasfestballarat.com.au)

**Saturday  
2**

## Detox Your Home

Ballarat Transfer Station  
10am-1pm

## Bridge Mall

## Farmers Market

[bridgemallmarket.com.au](http://bridgemallmarket.com.au)  
9am-1pm

**Sunday  
3**

## Eureka Day

[made.org.au](http://made.org.au)  
10am-4pm

**Saturday  
9**

## Ballarat Farmers Market

Lake Wendouree  
Facebook @ballaratfarmersmarket  
9am-1pm

**Wednesday  
13**

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat, 7pm  
[ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

**Sunday  
17**

## Ballarat Carols

North Gardens Reserve, Lake Wendouree, 7.30pm

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## Ballarat Open Platinum and Gold 18s Tournament Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre

[ballarattennis.com.au](http://ballarattennis.com.au)

**Friday  
22**

## Teddy 'Tis The Season

Her Majesty's Ballarat, 7.30pm  
[hermaj.com](http://hermaj.com)

**Saturday  
23**

## Ballarat Farmers Market

Lake Wendouree, 9am-1pm  
Facebook @ballaratfarmersmarket

**Monday  
25**

## Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Tuesday  
26**

## Boxing Day

**26-31**

## Australian Jazz Convention

Ballarat CBD  
[2017jazzconvention.org.au](http://2017jazzconvention.org.au)

**Wednesday  
27**

## Cycling Carnival Ballarat

Marty Busch Recreation Reserve  
[vic.cycling.org.au](http://vic.cycling.org.au)

**Sunday  
31**

## New Year's Eve

*Celebrate Summer* with BALC's 12 Days  
of Christmas. Exciting daily deals.

Like @BallaratAquaticandLifestyleCentre to find out more.

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## Spirit of Christmas

This Christmas, please give generously to Ballarat's worthy appeals, including the 3BA Christmas Appeal, Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal, Target and Uniting Care Christmas Appeal, Myer Christmas Gift Wrap fundraiser and Centacare Christmas Appeal. The Ballarat Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop at 1A Eyre Street also stocks cards and stationery from many charities.

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[www.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au)

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## what's on in January

### Burrumbeet Cup

**Monday 1 January**

Kick off your New Year with a great day of country racing at the 2018 Burrumbeet Cup.

Featuring a seven race program, crowds at the Burrumbeet Racecourse will also enjoy free children's activities, Fashions on the Field, and live entertainment.

Gates open at 10am.

Visit [country.racing.com](http://country.racing.com)

### Organs of the Goldfields

**12-21 January**

Organs of the Goldfields is Ballarat's very own annual festival of fine music in historic locations, including St Patrick's Cathedral, the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, Loreto Chapel, and Craig's Royal Hotel.

Celebrating 23 years, the 2018 festival showcases 24 recitals in Ballarat and the region, demonstrations on heritage church organs, visits to historic and tourist sites, and social functions and dinners.

Visit [ballarat.com/organs](http://ballarat.com/organs)



### Ballarat Beer Festival

**Saturday 20 January**

The Ballarat Beer Festival returns this Summer at a new location – Lake Wendouree.

The event showcases more than 150 of the world's finest craft beers, and features a fun-packed day filled with a range of eclectic bands, street food, kids' activities including an animal farm and face painting, beer education classes, and roving performers.

Not big on beer? Enjoy tastings of local wines and non-alcoholic drinks, and enjoy global cuisine from a cavalcade of food trucks.

Visit [ballaratbeerfestival.com.au](http://ballaratbeerfestival.com.au)



## Australia Day Fireworks

**Friday 26 January**

Celebrate Australia Day at the Lake Wendouree foreshore.

For the first time, the City of Ballarat proudly presents this much-loved Australia Day tradition. Bring a chair, rug and a picnic - and be prepared to be captivated when these sensational fireworks light up the sky, from dusk.

Visit [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)



# January event calendar

Post your event details to the City of Ballarat online calendar at [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

It's a great way to promote your event free of charge.

**1-28**

## Memento Mori:

*Art, medicine and the body*  
Art Gallery of Ballarat  
[artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://artgalleryofballarat.com.au)

## Lauren Black:

*A Complex Beauty*  
Art Gallery of Ballarat  
[artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://artgalleryofballarat.com.au)

**Monday  
1**

## New Year's Day

2018 Burrumbeet Cup  
[countryracing.com](http://countryracing.com)

**3-7**

## Cycling Australia Road National Championships

Ballarat CBD and Buninyong  
[roadnationals.org.au](http://roadnationals.org.au)

**Saturday  
6**

## Bridge Mall Farmers Market

[bridgemallmarket.com.au](http://bridgemallmarket.com.au)  
9am-1pm

**Sunday  
7, 14 and 21**

## Summer Sundays

Ballarat Botanical Gardens  
See page 32

**9-21**

## An Expression of Compassion

Mixed media group exhibition  
Backspace Gallery, Huyghue House @ Alfred Deakin Place  
Open Thursday to Sunday, 12-4pm

**9-31**

## Digitised drawings by John Z. McKee

Unicorn Lane Gallery  
Near corner of Sturt and Lydiard Streets

**12-21**

## Organs of the Goldfields

Various Ballarat locations  
[ballarat.com/organs](http://ballarat.com/organs)

**Saturday  
13**

## Ballarat Farmers Market

Lake Wendouree, 9am-1pm  
Facebook @ballaratfarmersmarket

**Saturday  
20**

## Ballarat Beer Festival

Lake Wendouree Foreshore  
[ballaratbeerfestival.com.au](http://ballaratbeerfestival.com.au)

## Ballarat Rowing Regatta

Lake Wendouree

## Ballarat PETstock

### Pacing Cup

Ballarat and District Trotting Club

**23 Jan  
-11 Feb**

## Roaring Forties

Wombat Regional Arts Network members exhibition  
Backspace Gallery  
Huyghue House @ Alfred Deakin Place  
Open Thursday to Sunday, 12-4pm

**Thursday  
25**

## Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair

Buninyong Town Hall, 1pm  
[buninyong.vic.au/marmalade](http://buninyong.vic.au/marmalade)

**Friday  
26**

## Australia Day

Australia Day Fireworks Spectacular  
Lake Wendouree

**27-28**

## Victorian Seniors Golf Masters

Midlands Golf Club  
[pga.org.au](http://pga.org.au)

**26-29**

## Rainbow Serpent Festival

Lexton  
[rainbowserpent.net](http://rainbowserpent.net)

**7**

**12**

Throughout January

## ContainART Mobile Gallery

Raku-fired ceramics, drawings and photographs by Kate Vivian

DeSoza Park  
Buninyong

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## Sunday 18 February

It's that time of year again, when the team at Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI) encourages everyone to get on their bikes in the name of cancer research.

This fundraising event features something for everyone. For the seasoned road rider, the 50km, 60km, 85km and 100km rides challenge you with the famous Mount Buninyong climb from the Australian National Road Cycling Course Championship.

If mountain biking is more your thing, grab your kit and take on the elements across 25km, 33km, 40km and 50km circuits.

If walking or running is more your style, grab your pooch and take a stroll around the lake.

The lake will feature live music, great food and children's entertainment, including an animal farm, jumping castle and face painting.

All registration fees are donated directly to the FECRI, with the event raising \$1.6 million dollars in the past decade.

Register at [reach4research.com.au](http://reach4research.com.au)

## what's on in February



### Ballarat Beat Rockabilly Festival

**8–11 February**

The Ballarat Beat Rockabilly Festival 2018 is Australia's biggest street party celebrating all things Rockabilly, including the music, the fashion, the cars, the dancing and the fun.

Visit [ballaratbeat.com.au](http://ballaratbeat.com.au)

### Ballarat Gift

**3–4 February**

Australia's best sprinters will converge to race across the line at the Ballarat Gift.

The city's premier professional athletics event, the 120m handicapped foot race attracts big crowds and will meet at C.E Brown Reserve, with a packed two-day program, including junior and masters races.

Visit [ballaratgift.com](http://ballaratgift.com)

### Ballarat Swap Meet

**23–24 February**

Collectors, browsers and vintage hunters will converge on Ballarat for Australia's largest swap meet. The event, the work of the combined Rotary Clubs of Ballarat and about 25 community partners, attracts about 2,700 site holders and thousands of visitors.

Visit [ballaratswapmeet.com.au](http://ballaratswapmeet.com.au)



# February event calendar

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It's a great way to promote your event free of charge.

Thursday  
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## Harry Potter Book Night 2018

Ballarat Library, 4–6.30pm  
Free event, bookings essential  
<https://harrypotterbooknightballarat.eventbrite.com.au>

1-28

## Cover Versions

Drawings and paintings  
by Dillon Naylor and Shane Van Den Akker  
Unicorn Lane Gallery  
Near corner of Sturt and Lydiard Streets

3-4

## Ballarat Gift

C.E Brown Reserve  
[ballaratgift.com](http://ballaratgift.com)

## 2018 Head of the Schoolboys Regatta

Lake Wendouree  
[rowingvictoria.asn.au/home](http://rowingvictoria.asn.au/home)

Saturday  
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## Bridge Mall Farmers Market

[bridgemallmarket.com.au](http://bridgemallmarket.com.au)  
9am–1pm

Sunday  
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## Ballarat Bridal Expo

Mercure Ballarat  
[bridalexpos.com.au](http://bridalexpos.com.au)

8-11

## Ballarat Beat Rockabilly Festival

Ballarat CBD  
[ballaratbeat.com.au](http://ballaratbeat.com.au)

Friday  
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## Ballarat Backyard Tasters

Alfred Deakin Place and Art Gallery of Ballarat McCain Annexe  
Facebook @BallaratBackyardTasters

Saturday  
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## Ballarat Rodeo

Ballarat Airport  
[prorodeo.com.au](http://prorodeo.com.au)

## Ballarat Farmers Market

Lake Wendouree  
Facebook @ballaratfarmersmarket  
9am–1pm

Sunday  
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## Colliers International Ballarat Polo Cup

Ballarat  
[polocrossevic.org.au](http://polocrossevic.org.au)

Friday  
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## Ballarat Backyard Tasters

Alfred Deakin Place and Art Gallery of Ballarat McCain Annexe  
Facebook @BallaratBackyardTasters  
6–9pm

16-18

## Begonia Annual Classic Car Rally

Various locations  
[vccc.org.au](http://vccc.org.au)

Sunday  
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## Reach4Research

Various locations  
[reach4research.com.au](http://reach4research.com.au)

Friday  
23

## Ballarat Backyard Tasters

Alfred Deakin Place and Art Gallery of Ballarat McCain Annexe  
Facebook @BallaratBackyardTasters

23-24

## Ballarat Swap Meet

Ballarat Airport  
[ballaratswapmeet.com.au](http://ballaratswapmeet.com.au)

Saturday  
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## Ballarat Farmers Market

Lake Wendouree  
Facebook @ballaratfarmersmarket  
9am–1pm

Sunday  
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## Head of the Lake

Lake Wendouree  
[wbrc.com.au](http://wbrc.com.au)

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Throughout February

## ContainART Mobile Gallery

SongWays Music Mapping project

Exploring the history of Ballarat's live music heritage

Pleasant Street Park

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# Summer Sundays



Get ready to turn up the volume - one of the city's most popular Summer events returns this January to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

Now in its seventh year, Summer Sundays will feature a fantastic line-up of musical talent, including **Bob Evans, Freya Josephine Hollick, Jeff Lang and Rhiannon Simpson.**

Don't miss these great performances, showcasing an eclectic mix of musical styles and diverse genres from local, regional and metropolitan acts.

Accompanying the exciting line-up of music will be a mouth-watering selection of food and a Pop-Up Garden Bar.

*Sunday 7 January*

*3-7pm*

*Sunday 14 January*

*3-7pm*

*Sunday 21 January*

*3-7pm*



**Want to know more?** Summer Sundays is a free City of Ballarat event.

Bring chairs and a rug. Pack a picnic or sample from the delicious selection of food vendors.

Keep up-to-date with Summer Sundays on  @summersundaysballarat and [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

## Hot Summer Nights

The Red Hot Summer Tour 2018 brings a host of big name performers to Ballarat North Gardens on Saturday 27 January.

With **SUZI QUATRO, THE ANGELS, BABY ANIMALS, THE SCREAMING JETS, CHOCOLATE STARFISH, and MOVING PICTURES** all performing – it's sure to be one incredible evening of entertainment.

Gates open at 2pm. Visit [redhotsummertour.com.au](http://redhotsummertour.com.au)





## Australian Road Nationals are back 3–7 January

Australia's best cyclists will once again battle it out for the coveted green and gold jerseys at the FedUni Road National Championships in Ballarat this January.

The event, a crucial step for cyclists on the road to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April, comes after Cycling Australia, the State Government, and the City of Ballarat announced a new three-year partnership to ensure the event remains in Ballarat.

Now in its 12th consecutive year, the event attracts more than 25,000 people to enjoy cycling over five days, with an economic impact of around \$4.5 million.

### WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

criteriums – U19 (men and women), U23 men, U23 and elite women, elite men  
National team relay  
Community free cycle

### THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

Time trials - para-cycling, U23 men, U19 (men and women)

### FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

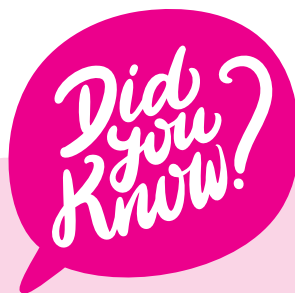
Time trials - U23 and elite women, elite men  
Road races - para-cycling  
Time trial - club teams

### SATURDAY 6 JANUARY

Road races - U19 (men and women), U23 men  
Community festival

### SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

Road races  
U23 and elite women  
Elite men  
Recreational community ride



- The men's road race route is 18 laps of Mt Buninyong circuit, and the women's road race is 10 laps
- Largest number of spectators at any Australian road race outside of Tour Down Under
- The Buninyong circuit is a tough course that separates the good riders from the best
- Ballarat is a cycling mecca with recent upgrades to paths, trails and the recent adoption of a cycling strategy.

### 2017 winners

Men's – Miles Scotson (SA)  
Women's – Katrin Garfoot (QLD)  
Men's Under 23 – Sam Jenner (NSW)

Photo credit: SDP Media



## White Night Ballarat

Saturday 17 March 2018  
7pm–2am

White Night Ballarat is set to return in 2018, transforming the city through art installations, lighting, exhibitions and interactive performances.

Under the artistic direction of David Atkins OAM, the event will reimagine Ballarat under the cloak of night.

From dusk, artists, performers and musicians will come together to activate the city's CBD and deliver an inventive celebration brimming with colour and vibrancy.

The inaugural White Night Ballarat in 2017 was named a State Winner at the Australian Events Awards for 'Best Cultural, Arts or Music Event' and 'Best Regional Event'.

Visit [whitenight.com.au](http://whitenight.com.au) for more information

Or follow the event on



#whitenightballarat

*White Night Ballarat is a State Government of Victoria event that is owned and managed by Visit Victoria.*



## WHAT'S ON at Ballarat Libraries



**Thursday 1 February  
4–6.30pm**

Calling all muggles, witches and wizards!

Join us for an exciting evening of wizarding fun. With the theme *Fantastic Beasts*, dress up as your favourite Harry Potter character and be part of a magical night of games, activities and quizzes. Come and share in the magic of this evening, part of an international event.

This is a **FREE** community event.



### *Want to know more?*

Bookings essential, visit [harrypotterbooknightballarat.eventbrite.com.au](http://harrypotterbooknightballarat.eventbrite.com.au)

\*All bookings will be sent an email with a Hogwarts Letter and program of activities for the event.

Follow @ballaratlibraries on Facebook to keep up-to-date with what's happening for Harry Potter Book Night 2018.



Charles Doudiet, *Swearing Allegiance to the Southern Cross*, 1854, watercolour, Art Gallery of Ballarat.

## Eureka Day, Sunday 3 December

Celebrate Ballarat's unique story at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E) this Eureka Day.

Australian author Peter FitzSimons will deliver the Peter Tobin oration, followed by a light lunch. RSVPs essential. Email [rsvp@made.org](mailto:rsvp@made.org)

Discover unseen sketches and drawings from the time of Eureka, including the plan of attack and Bentley's Hotel.

Children are encouraged to consider the significance of the site, and can participate in an archaeological dig, unearthing their very own Eureka treasure.

Matrix Archaeology presents Digging Up Eureka at 2pm - a lecture on the site, its history and significance.

Matrix reveals how the results of its archaeological works in 2011 helped to refine our understanding of the site's history.

Watch Chips Rafferty's 1949 film, *Eureka Stockade*, from 3pm.

Kids activities from 10am–4pm. Free entry.



### *Want to know more?*

M.A.D.E is located at 102 Stawell Street South, Ballarat.

Open 10am–5pm daily. Call 1800 287 113 or visit [made.org](http://made.org)



## Garden Silent Reading Party

**Saturday 10 February  
6–7pm**

Ballarat Libraries invite you to a silent reading party at the Botanical Gardens.

Celebrate reading with us and join our latest free pop-up Silent Reading Party – Summer Edition, for a special summer evening in the gardens.

Look for the Library banner and the picnic baskets.

All welcome. BYO picnic afterwards. No bookings required.





## Summer at the Gallery

*Did you take in the sights of the Archibald Prize exhibition last year?*

Two of the portraits from the exhibition have returned to Ballarat to go into the Art Gallery of Ballarat's collection.

One of the portraits, *The ersatz*, showcases dancer James Batchelor - an award-winning performer and choreographer from Canberra, who is a member of the Chunky Move dance company. The painting is the work of Artist Marcus Wills, who trained at Federation University when it was the University of Ballarat.

The Gallery purchased the large painting using funds from the Colin Hicks Caldwell Bequest.

Director Gordon Morrison described the painting as "monumental, with an extraordinary presence — a latter-day answer to our famous painting Ajax and Cassandra".

The other portrait, *Barry*, is the Archibald Prize-winning portrait of entertainer Barry Humphries. Melbourne-based artist Louise

Hearman spent years creating the piece, describing Humphries as a "man with a truly fugitive face". Through the Gallery Foundation, Andrew and Jill Oliver purchased the portrait for the Gallery.

See the portraits hanging in the Gallery's Williamson Room.

Visit [artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://artgalleryofballarat.com.au)

## Her Majesty's Ballarat

*Teddy 'Tis the Season* – a feast of the finest classical, Celtic and traditional Christmas music will round off the 2017 season at Her Majesty's Ballarat.

Featuring baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes, rising star soprano Cristina Russo, Melbourne's leading harpist, Alannah Guthrie-Jones, and renowned Welsh international concert pianist, Rhodri Clarke, this performance will take centre stage on Friday 22 December, at 7.30pm.

From Saturday 23 December, Her Majesty's Ballarat will close its doors for conservation works designed to extend the life of one of Ballarat's significant creative and cultural assets.

The theatre will present performances at alternate Ballarat venues while works are underway.

See page 21 for more information.

Visit [hermaj.com](http://hermaj.com)


## ROMANCING THE SKULL

Until 28 January  
Open 10am–5pm, last  
exhibition entry 4pm

Launched in October 2017, the Romancing the Skull exhibition showcases the depiction of the skull in art.

The exhibition explores a range of themes, from the skull as a reminder of our mortality, the use of the skull in addressing social and political issues, and the skull and crossbones as a symbol of piracy and rebellion.

Visit [artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://artgalleryofballarat.com.au)



**CITY OF BALLARAT**

## Neighbourly Gardening Competition

To celebrate Neighbour Day 2018, the City of Ballarat is inviting residents and businesses to participate in an inaugural competition to recognise acts of neighbourliness across the municipality.

Friendly and connected neighbourhoods are known to improve the safety and wellbeing of those who live in and visit them

**Name**

**Address**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Category (please tick)**

☐ Best front garden


☐ Best edible front garden

☐ Best community garden

☐ Best neighbourhood garden feature

For more information or to enter online visit: [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)

Alternatively, return this entry to:  
 Mail: PO Box 6555, Ballarat, 3353  
 Email: [paularoozenburg@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:paularoozenburg@ballarat.vic.gov.au)  
 Phone: 5320 5183  
 Entries close 23 February 2018




## How to beat the bite

Summer is a great time to embrace the great outdoors but mosquitoes also love the warm weather – they're not only annoying, they can also transmit serious diseases.

Heavy rainfall across the state has led to ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

While Ballarat is not at significant risk of mosquito-borne disease, a State Government initiative to help local government manage the risks associated with mosquitoes is supporting the City of Ballarat's Environmental Health Unit to better control mosquito breeding and biting.

The City of Ballarat is planning and building capacity for early mosquito detection and intervention, both in Ballarat and as part of a wider contribution across Victoria, through the development of a mosquito management plan.

The plan aims to increase community awareness and establish a monitoring program, as well as build capacity to respond in the event of a risk.

Protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes this Summer. Beat the bite by:

- Wearing loose-fitting clothing when outdoors
- Using mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin
- Trying to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about – usually at dusk and dawn
- Making sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your home
- Keeping your rainwater tanks sealed against mosquito entry
- Making sure your home is properly fitted with mosquito netting and fly screens, and
- Don't forget the kids – it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.



*Want to know more?*

Visit the Beat the Bite campaign at [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)



## switch on to eWaste recycling

While many residents take advantage of the recycling of metals, paper, plastics and glass at the Ballarat Transfer Station, a growing number are also recycling their old phones, printers, kettles, computers and televisions.

Electronic waste, or eWaste, is now the fastest growing type of waste filling Australian landfills.

eWaste is any item with a battery or an electrical plug, such as DVD players, CD players, phones, computers, cameras, batteries, shavers, hairdryers, kettles, microwaves, TVs, dishwashers and clothes dryers.

eWaste often contains toxic and hazardous materials, including lead and mercury – substances which are damaging to the environment and should not be sent to landfill.

Recycling eWaste enables valuable materials, such as copper, gold, platinum and silver, to be saved and reused. Recycling eWaste helps improve our environmental impact by not only removing hazardous materials from our landfill but by also decreasing our demand for more raw materials.

### How to recycle eWaste in Ballarat

eWaste can be recycled for free\* in Ballarat at the Gillies Street Transfer Station.

All eWaste collected by the City of Ballarat is transported to Axis Worx, which pulls apart the materials into their key components, so they can re-enter the market.

Axis Worx is a fully-accredited eWaste recycler. Of the products it disassembles, 95% are reprocessed.

\*Conditions may apply on volumes/size of eWaste, product types, dates or eligible people.

### Detox your home

It's time to detox your home.

This safe, easy-to-use and free annual service enables residents to dispose of common household chemicals, without harming your health or the environment.

This annual collection will be held at the Gillies Street Transfer Station on Saturday 3 December, from 10am - 1pm. No registration required.

Accepted items include acids and alkalis, anti-freeze, brake fluid, car wax, ammonia-based cleaners, cooking oil, coolant, detergents, fertiliser, fire extinguishers, fuels, glues, herbicides and weed killers,

pool chemicals, rat poison and transmission fluid.

Items not accepted include chemicals used in industrial and commercial businesses, farm chemicals, waste asbestos and ammunition.

A full list can be found at [sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 363 744.

Did you know?

- eWaste is growing three times faster than general waste with research showing 109,000 tonnes of eWaste made its way into the Victorian waste system in 2015
- Projections suggest Victoria will be producing 256,000 tonnes of eWaste by 2035.

Source: State Government



# Fire prevention – how to prepare for the fire season this Summer

With forecasts of an elevated fire-risk this Summer, the community is being urged to prepare their properties for the fire season.

Under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, the City of Ballarat regularly inspects all properties for potential fire risks to ensure owners have complied with the Act, and removed fire hazards on their property.

When fire hazards are identified on properties, the City of Ballarat issues a Fire Prevention Notice to the property owner. Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$1,586 or court action with penalties of \$19,028 and/or 12 months imprisonment.



## Fire restrictions and burning off

Under the CFA Act 1958, a permit must be obtained to conduct any burning off during the Fire Danger Period. Failure to have a permit is a serious offence with penalties including large fines and/or 12 months imprisonment.

Permits to burn are generally only issued to broad acre burns of stubble, grass and other farming land. Permits to burn are not issued for piles of green waste or waste material.

This year, City of Ballarat Fire Prevention Officers, Victoria Police and CFA officers will conduct audit inspections of permit holders to ensure compliance with all conditions of permits.

To apply for a permit to burn, contact the City of Ballarat's Fire Prevention Officer on 5320 5568 or apply online at [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)



## How to prepare your property

- Cut any long grass to a height not exceeding 100mm, and maintain it at that height throughout the fire season
- Remove flammable material on or around your home, including cleaning out gutters and spouting
- Clear away dead undergrowth and fallen branches, and ensure any firewood or timber is stored well away from your home and outbuildings
- On-ground mulch or leaf layer should be limited to a thickness not exceeding 2cm
- Remove all noxious and environmental weeds from your property, including highly flammable gorse infestations
- Trim excess vegetation, including overhanging branches, along driveways and firebreaks to ensure easy access for firefighting appliances
- Create a 4m-wide by 4m-high clearance zone to provide access for emergency service vehicles
- Ensure your property is clearly numbered so it can be found quickly and easily by emergency services.



## Warnings and advice

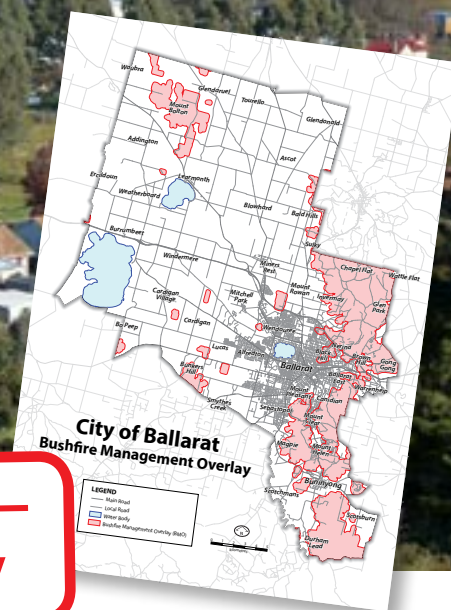
More than 2,000 fire warnings were issued last Summer in Victoria.

Stay informed this fire season:

- Visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)
- Tune in to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV
- Call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226
- People who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have a speech or communication impairment can contact VicEmergency Hotline via the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677
- For help with English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226
- Download the VicEmergency app or follow VicEmergency on Twitter @vicemergency and Facebook @vicemergency
- CFA warnings are also available on Twitter @CFA\_Updates and Facebook @cfavic
- Check the VicTraffic website at [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au) for road closures or call 13 11 70.



## Planning Scheme Amendment – Bushfire Management Overlay



The State Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has recently updated the Bushfire Management Overlay in Victoria, in accordance with the recommendations from the 2009 Black Saturday Royal Commission. The new planning controls have been applied to about 4,300 landholders across Ballarat.

The Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) is a planning control applied to land at risk of extreme bushfires.

The BMO helps make new homes, our communities, and the environment safer and more resilient - establishing specific planning permit requirements for new land uses and developments.

These requirements ensure that bushfire hazards, such as vegetation, slope and site access, are assessed, and that bushfire protection measures are put in place to manage risk.

The DELWP mapping review was completed in partnership with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the City of Ballarat.

The mapping is based on bushfire hazards, not property boundaries. It's common for properties to be only partially included in the BMO.

The BMO planning requirements are only triggered when new developments are proposed on the part of the property covered by the BMO.

If the BMO applies, a planning permit may be needed to subdivide your land, build a new house or extend your house by more than 50% of the existing floor area. Other types of buildings and new uses may also need a planning permit.

### How can I check if I'm in the BMO?

The State Government's VicPlan mapping tool can be used to check the zone and overlays that apply to a property, including the BMO.

View [mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au](http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au)

### Where can I get more information about the BMO and why it's been applied to my property?

DELWP has created a webpage that outlines the introduction of the updated BMO mapping. The page features detailed information for landowners, including fact sheets, information on mapping criteria, and planning permit requirements.

View [planning.vic.gov.au/bmo](http://planning.vic.gov.au/bmo)



### Want to know more?

Contact the City of Ballarat's Planning Unit on 5320 5107 or visit the planning counter at Customer Service, The Phoenix, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat.

# City of Ballarat - Holiday closures

## The City of Ballarat services and operations have altered hours during the Christmas and New Year period.

The City of Ballarat office departments will close at 5pm, Friday 22 December 2017 and re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2018. The City's operations rapid response team, street cleansing/sanitation unit and waste collection unit will continue to operate during the holiday period. Community Care and Access will also continue to provide essential services to clients during this period.

### Waste collection

Changes will occur to waste and recycling collections over the holiday period, for both the week of Christmas and the following week.

If your collections are due on Monday 25 December and Monday 1 January, they will now take place on Tuesday 26 December and Tuesday 2 January.

If your collections are due on Tuesday 26 December and Tuesday 2 January, they will now take place on Wednesday 27 December and Wednesday 3 January.

If your collections are due on Wednesday 27 December and Wednesday 3 January, they will now take place on Thursday 28 December and Thursday 4 January.

If your collections are due on Thursday 28 December and Thursday 4 January, they will now take place on Friday 29 December and Friday 5 January.

If your collections are due on Friday 29 December and Friday 5 January, they will now take place on Saturday 30 December and Saturday 6 January.

The Ballarat Transfer Station, in Gillies Street, is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Open on Boxing Day.

### City of Ballarat locations

The Ballarat Botanical Gardens is open daily. The Robert Clark Conservatory is closed Christmas Day.

Open from 9am–5pm all other days. Entry is free.

The Art Gallery of Ballarat is closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Open 10am–5pm all other days. Entry is free.

Her Majesty's Ballarat will close from Saturday 23 December for conservation works. See pages 21 and 35 for more information.

The Visitor Information Centre will only be closed on Monday, 25 December.

### Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre (BALC)

Holiday opening hours:

- Sunday 24 December, 8am–4pm
- Monday 25 December, Closed
- Tuesday 26 December, 8am–4pm
- Wednesday 27 December, 6am–6pm
- Thursday 28 December, 6am–6pm
- Friday 29 December, 6am–6pm
- Saturday 30 December, 6am–6pm
- Sunday 31 December, 8am–4pm
- Monday 1 January, 8am–4pm
- Tuesday 2 January, 6am–9pm

### Ballarat Libraries

Ballarat Library Closed Sunday 24 December, reopens Wednesday 27 December

Sebastopol Library Closed from Monday 25 December, reopens Tuesday 2 January

Wendouree Library Closed from Monday 25 December, reopens Tuesday 2 January

Outreach sites closed from Monday 25 December, and reopens on Tuesday 2 January

All libraries and sites will be closed on Monday 1 January.

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