



Welcome Centre

BRMC has been pleased to open up more spaces and services and music and activities at the Ballarat Welcome Centre in the winter months. A highlight in August will be our expo on Saturday 25th. Many will recall our Mille Feuille Studio project with Architecture students in March. Now we welcome them back to show the master plans and project designs that resulted from the community conversations during their weekend Studio. BRMC members, volunteers and friends are all encouraged to register and come along to lunch, review of masterplans, Welcome Centre projects, planning workshops and activities all afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are interested phone the BRMC office. Invitations and online registration will be available soon.



Forthcoming Events

Mille Feuille Expo and Ballarat Welcome Centre Open Day (#millefeuille)
 Westjustice Employment Law Train the Trainer Program – Now recruiting
 New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program NECLP 2018 (#neclp)
 Sweet Mona's and Chime Choir Concert (#sweetmonaschime)

Events in Review

Refugee Week
 Isha Free Yoga Session
 Sweet Mona's and Allycats Choir Concert
 Victorian Council of Social Service Consultation
 Ballarat Italian Association Commedia del'arte(#commedia)

Projects and Events

Heart Space

The Ballarat Welcome Centre drop-in centre is here for everyone to enjoy.
Currently Heart Space is open every Monday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

Come and take a look, enjoy a free tea or coffee, internet access or simply relax and enjoy the warm and inviting atmosphere.

For more information contact Teresa
on 03 53383 0613

Mille Feuille Expo

Saturday, 25 August, 25th August 2018 - 11am to 6pm Ballarat Welcome Centre

Mille Feuille Studio is a funded pilot for the Myer Foundation PLACEMAKING SANDBOX. It brings together diverse community groups around the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Hub - Welcome Centre. The expo will highlight masterplan and designs produced by Melbourne University Architecture students in collaboration with BRMC members and Here Studio.

Inquiries to BRMC office 53830613. Online registration will be essential.

Online info: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=403450>



- Convent
Tours
- Lunch
- Afternoon
Tea
- Film
Screening
- Workshops
- Supper

New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program (NECLP) 2018

BRMC is pleased to partner with the New & Emerging Communities Leadership Program, which offers a rich development experience with long-lasting benefits for participants and

the wider community. Current participants and mentors have been selected for this program.

You can find out more information about the program on Leadership Victoria's website:

www.leadershipvictoria.org/programs/2018-new-emerging-communities-leadership-program--ballarat

Launch: Friday 27th July, 6pm at the Ballarat Art Gallery



Sweet Mona's and Chime Choir Concert

Tickets: buy online trybooking.com/WMEN or purchase at the door

Proudly supporting the Soup Bus - www.soupbus.com.au

*Sunday, 29th July at 2pm
Ballarat Welcome Centre Chapel
145 Victoria St, Ballarat East*

For more information, go to: <https://sweetmonaschoir.com/>

Knitting Group

Are you interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing for charity?

We are forming a group of like-minded people to use their talents in helping people in crisis in Africa to clothe and keep preemie and small babies warm.

A meeting was held on Monday 16th July and the group intend to meet regularly.

*Venue: The Ballarat Welcome Centre - In Heart Space
145 Victoria St, Ballarat East
(Entrance through King St glass door)*

Any enquiries - Lynne Greene 0419 543 075

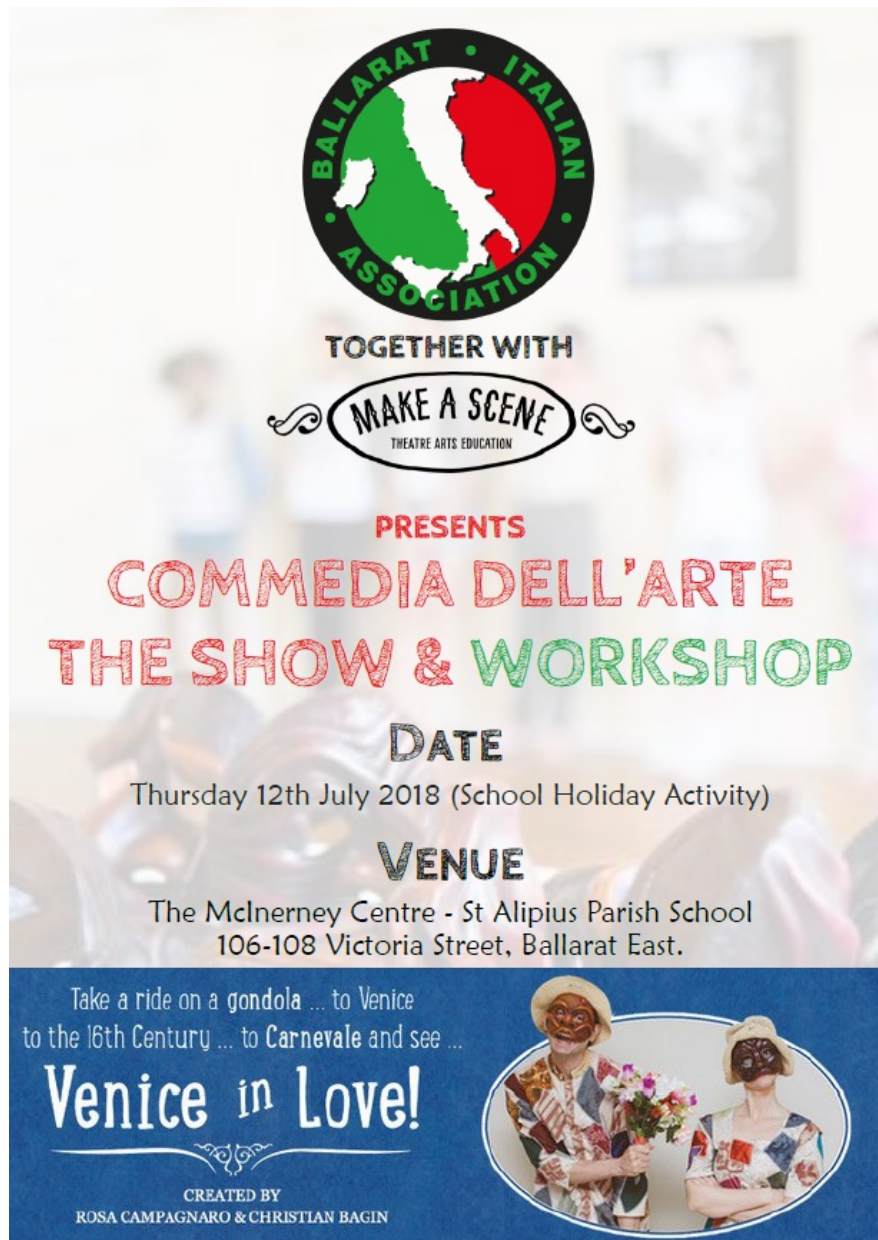


MEMBER EVENTS

Multicultural Events from our members

Commedia Dell'Arte

Thursday 12th July, 10.00am at St. Alipius McInerney Centre.



What is Commedia dell'Arte?

Commedia dell'Arte is a high energy and stylised theatrical tradition that was born in Italy in the 16th Century. Commedia dell'Arte is a combination of stock characters, masks, exaggerated and stylised movement, *lazzi* (comic business, gags and games), improvisation, audience interaction and gibberish or *grommelot*.

Ballarat Italian Association held a successful and hilarious concert on Thursday 12 July. If you are interested in future Commedia dell'Arte events contact Francesca Angeli-Urbini 0411 337 907 or email frangelica66@gmail.com



Bollywood Dance Classes

The Ballarat Indian Association is conducting **Bollywood Dance classes** in association with Bollywood Beats.

DATE: Every alternative Sunday).

TIME:

Kids under 13 years: 9.30am - 10.30am

Adults: 10.30am - 11.30am

LOCATION: Ballarat South Community Hub, Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol, Ballarat

FEES: \$150 for 10 lessons per person

Book classes online: www.trybooking.com/VVLS

Hurry!!! Limited seats only.

Registration will be based on First Come First Serve Basis.

For the First Class: Be there 15 minutes before the start time to complete the Registration and Consent Form.

Quick Program Updates

SETTLEMENT SERVICES



Diversity Homework Club

Diversity Homework Club provides homework support for primary and secondary school students in a supervised venue with trained tutors.

Our Diversity Homework Club collaborated with CMY to conduct tutor training on 12 July for 15 new tutors.

Homework Club gets together every Wednesday at the Ballarat Library 4.00pm - 5.30pm during school terms.

If you would like to attend or enquire please contact Deruka Dekuek on 03 5383 0613 or email d.dekuek@brmc.org.au

Volunteer Tutors Needed

Dureka is looking for Volunteer Tutors in Physics, Chemistry and Biology for Homework Club. If you are interested or know anyone that can help, please contact BRMC on 03 5383 0613.

SENIOR SERVICES



Multicultural Tucker

July's Multicultural Tucker our cuisine took us to Italy!!

Ninety nine seniors plus volunteers and guests shared a three course Italian meal on

Wednesday 11th July at the Mt Xavier Golf & Bowls club.

The August Multicultural Tucker is only a few days away.

Date: Wednesday 8th of august

To find out more about the Tucker or if you are eligible for Senior Services, contact Teresa.

Contact Teresa on: 03 5383 0163.



Social Hub

Fantastic turn out at our June Social Hub! Our seniors were lucky to have Donna Poulton from Fairweather Studios assist them in adding some colour to their creations. Seniors painted clay sculptures and made jewellery from clay and beads.

We invite you to come along to the next Social Hub - it is a space where creativity comes to life!

Located at the Ballarat Welcome Centre in Heart Space - 145 Victoria Street, Ballarat East
1.30pm to 3pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 14th August
Tuesday 18th September
Tuesday 16th October
Tuesday 20th November

If you have any enquiries please call:

Teresa: 03 5383 0163.



Health and Wellbeing Day

Health & Wellbeing Day was held on the 27th June here at the Ballarat Welcome Centre.

We had an excellent turn out with 37 senior clients attending the event.

Two presentation were given on Respectful relationships and My Aged Care.

Our seniors got active with Craig Lee from Ballarat Community Health who coordinated an excellent exercise session.

Mini Hands on Drumming

Mini Hands on Drumming are back from term two at the Welcome Centre.

Register via: www.cocosounds.com](http://www.cocosounds.com

Yoga Classes

Shani is taking a break from Yoga Classes over winter months. We look forward to these classes starting up again when the weather get a bit warmer.

Specialising in Hatha, Vinyasa and Sports Recovery, definitely no experience needed.

Classes will suit beginner and intermediate yogis, all classes are relaxing, easy going and fun.

Classes are **\$10 and \$7** for members of BRMC and CMY, students and Sebastopol

Football Club members.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/878511605664592/>

Artists in Residence

Andrew McIlroy

Currently painting in the Welcome Centre, he will be with us until September 2018 and will exhibit at the forthcoming Biennale of Australian Art.

If you are interested to find out more about Andrew, visit his website below.

<https://www.andrewmcilroy.com/>

Rhonda Baum - visual artist/ writer

Rhonda has moved to the Welcome Centre about three weeks ago to do her amazing work, featuring her artistic skills.

For more info, contact: 0408 569 795

m.me/rhondabaum or rhondabaumartist@gmail.com

Visit the website at: <http://www.rhondabaumart.com>

Look Out for Opportunities for You!

Migration Law Seminar

Date: Thursday 9 August

Time: 5 – 7pm

Place: BRMC - Welcome Centre, 145 Victoria Street Ballarat

The seminar Panel will include three professionals from a dynamic and complex legal area covering all topics on Migration Law Specialisation & Practice, Refugees, Asylum Seekers, disadvantaged Migrants and Regional Migration Agency Practices

Charlie Powles, Refugee Legal: A Senior Supervising Solicitor and Migration Agent at Refugee Legal and a sessional member of VCAT with extensive experience in complex migration law matters.

Joanna Abraham, WLW Migration Lawyers: Migration lawyer and migration agent working at WLW and also participating at Springvale Monash Legal Service and Victorian Women Lawyers.

Melinda Toye, Blue Door Migration: Experience in the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS 187) visas having been the Skilled Migration Officer for the City of Ballarat, acting as an advocate for the State Government's Global Skills for Provincial Victoria (GSPV) program. Melinda is now principal migration agent at Blue Door Migration, migration and visa consultancy for employers, employees and families in Ballarat, regional Victoria and the world.

Legal professionals and community members with an interest in migration law and practice are invited to come along.

RSVP to student01@brmc.org.au or by calling 03 5383 0613

My Health Record & what you need to know



In 2018, a My Health Record will be created for all Medicare eligible Australians who choose to have one.

Make sure you have all the necessary information you need to know about the system.

Information and awareness sessions on My Health Record are being held for your community:

**Western Victoria Primary Health Network,
101 Drummond Street, Ballarat**

- 2 session times available for Tuesday the 17th July - 10am and 4pm
- Tuesday 23rd July 6pm
- 2 session times available for Monday 3rd September - 10am and 6pm
- 2 session times available for Monday 1st October - 10am and 6pm

Light refreshments will be provided

This will be free session and designed to encourage informed decision making about your My Health Record options.

In the session you will be given information on the system, including:

- What
is
it?
What
does
it
do?
How
do
you
use
it?
- Privacy
and
security.
- Access

—
parents/carers/family/health
professionals

- What
to
do
if
you
do
not
want
a
record.

Sessions will run for approximately 60 minutes with the opportunity for you ask questions and take away information to keep at home and share with your family.

For more information, please contact Samantha McIntosh, My Health Record Community Engagement and Communications Officer on; samantha.mcintosh@westvicphn.com.au or 03 5304 5637

You can visit the website for further information also - myhealthrecord.gov.au

Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund

Applications now open

The Victorian Government is inviting applications for its new \$9.5 million Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund.

Culturally diverse community groups, organisations and regionally based associations are encouraged to apply for projects that build new facilities, improve or restore existing infrastructure, or increase security and improve accessibility for communities.

The new funding stream will offer large and small grants to support projects commencing in the 2018-19 financial year.

This includes an opportunity for community groups to apply for up to \$10,000 towards the purchase or upgrade of depreciating assets such as fridges and microwaves.

How much?

There are two streams of funding available:

- Small
 - Requests between \$500
 - \$100,000 will

be
considered
for
minor
fitouts
or
upgrades
to
existing
community
facilities.

■ Large

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Requests
between
\$100,001
-
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will
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upgrades
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existing
facilities
or
towards
the
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of
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facilities.

Who?

To be eligible for funding, an organisation must:

■ Be

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Corporations
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or
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Associations

Incorporation
Reform
Act
2012
(Vic)
■ Have
a
current
Australian
Business
Number
(ABN)

When?

Applications close 11.59pm, Friday 22 February 2019.

Applications and expressions of interest can be submitted at any time allowing organisations to undertake sufficient planning of their projects.

Where?

Find out more about the program and eligibility, or make an application at

www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/grants/apply-for-a-grant/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund

Top Past Events

- Refugee
Week
- Migrant
Morning
Tea
- School
Visits
and
talks
- Yoga
Classes
- Ballarat
RAR
Guest
Speaker
- Sweet
Mona's
Choir
&
The
Alley
Cats
Choir
- Featuring
Mini
Mona's
Choir

*Australian
—
Croatian
Association
Stjepan
Radic
Ballarat



Welcome Centre Update

The Welcome Centre improvements continue and we are now starting to focus on the areas that will be used for the BOAA exhibition. More carpet removal, window repairs, electrical works and painting will be some of the key priorities.

Test and tagging was completed in early July with a fire and safety next on the agenda.

REMINDER

It is helpful if we receive RSVP for activities and events. This helps us to deliver a quality service for all.

RSVP: 03 5383 0613 or email welcome@brmc.org.au or info@brmc.org.au



BRMC Contact Details

We are contactable by **phone** 03 5383 0613 or **email** on info@brmc.org.au and to book spaces on welcome@brmc.org.au

BRMC Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/brmc.ballarat

Watch this space for our new website launching soon

- www.brmc.org.au

Volunteering

We often need a helping hand and are very grateful for every volunteer. We have various positions available and everyone can find the perfect position to suit them.

At the moment we have a lot of volunteers who are helping at reception or attending events. If you are interested in volunteering at BRMC, or know someone that is, please contact info@brmc.org.au or admin@brmc.org.au.

Kind regards,
from BRMC at the Ballarat Welcome Centre

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